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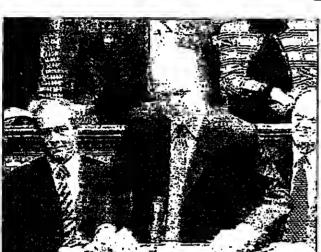
LORD CRANBORNE, the Tory leader in the House of Lords, was sacked by William Hague last night after the Conservative leader torpedoed a surprise plan by Tony Blair to grant a reprieve to 91 bereditary peers.

Mr Blair's move to reach an all-party consensus on reform of the Lords split the Tories and threw them into disarray last night. Lord Cranborne was ready to compromise but failed to win Mr Hague's backing.

The proposed agreement had been discussed behind the scenes for several months and included meetings between Lord Cranborne and Mr Blair within the past two weeks. But Mr Hague's allies accused Lord Cranborne of "freelancing" without his authority.

The secret talks emerged in extraordinary scenes during Prime Minister's question time yesterday, when Mr Blair and Mr Hague clashed over the breakdown of the negotiations. Under a U-turn backed by Mr Blair, 91 bereditaries would 650 lose their right to speak and vote in the Lords, preventing a year of "guerrilla warfare" over reform of the second chamber. The 91 would remain until the Government implemented "stage two" of its reforms, turning it into a partly elected

chamber within several years. Lord Cranborne, a hereditary eer and the great-great grandson of Lord Salisbury, the Tory prime minister, won the backing of Tory peers for his consensual strategy by a margin of about row with Mr Hague.



William Hague faces a peers revolt over the sacking

Tension between the two

weeks. Mr Hague also over-

ruled the peer's move to adopt

a more conciliatory line in the

current parliamentary session

tional representation for Eu-

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Mr Hague now faces a re-

bellion by Tory peers. Lord

Cranborne is a popular figure

and rumours swept Westmin-

bench spokesmen in the Lords

may resign in protest to form

a breakaway group which

would support the compromise

said be had shown strong lead-

ership hy sacking Lord Cran-

horne, some MPs were

privately worried the Tory

leader would be blamed for

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"The bereditaries want to

Although Mr Hague's allies

plan when it is put to a vote.

4-1. This was was a severe rebuff for Mr Hague, who insisted the Tories could not support the plan until Mr Blair spelt out the detail of "stage two".

The Earl of Onslow said after the meeting: "As far as I'm to the Bill bringing in proporconcerned Lord Cranborne is totally secure and he got the full support of the meeting." He later described his departure

as "an absolute tragedy". But a furious Mr Hague felt to sack the Opposition leader in the Lords. This was announced after Mr Hague won the backing of the Shadow Cabinet and held a private meeting with Lord Cranborne and Michael Ancram, the Tory chairman.

"Lord Cranborne tried to bounce the party into accepting a deal which it would not accept."

Mr Hague's spokesman said. Lord Cranborne said he had been "sacked for running in like an ill-trained spaniel" over the

son who wants them to die in the ditch." said a Liberal Democrat source.

Downing Street said the consensus would have freed up more parliamentary time and allowed the Government to introduce other measures in the current session, including the postponed plans to set up a Food Standards Agency and a Strategic Rail Authority.

In return, the Government would have speeded up its stage two reform plan.

Talks on the agreement involved Lord Cranborne: Mr Blair: Lord Irvine. the Lord Chancellor and Baroness Jay. the leader of the Lords. The crospbench peers played a pivbad been rising in recent otal role and announced their compromise plan vesterday. unaware that Mr Hague had torpedoed it minutes earlier.

> Lord Weatherill the former Commons speaker who acts as convenor of the crossbenchers. sald he would be disappointed if the deal they bad brokered was rejected.

> He warned that the alternative to a mutually agreed solubayonets, fighting in the last ditch, which would be ridiculous, bringing the House of Lords into discenute".

> The crossbenchers will try to keep the proposal alive hy tabling their plan as an amendment to the Bill on hereditaries, which will be introduced in the new year. Labour ministers said last night the deal was "still possible" and hoped it would go through.

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Lord Cranborne, who said he was sacked by Mr Hague for running in 'like an ill-trained spaniel'

## Flawed logic led to Z brilliant pupil's death veto on tax reforms

BY LOUISE JURY

A BRILLIANT schoolboy shot himself in the head after carefully calculating the benefits of life and deciding it was not worth living an inquest heard Dario Iacoponi, 15, a pupil at

the London Oratory School which Tony Blair's two sons Euan, 14, and Nicky, 12, attend, kept a diary of his philosophical thoughts on life in the two months leading up to his death. After weighing up the pros and cons, he decided to commit

suicide and planned it meticulously. He taught himself to use his father's shotgun and worked out bow to fire it with a wooden spoon. He then waited until neither of his parents was at home before carrying out the plan last month.

Dr John Burton, the West London coroner, said it was clearly a considered process and Dario "came down on the side of suicide".

The inquest beard that the teenager was a brilliant pupil who had already passed six GCSEs at A\* or A grades a year early. He played the vinlin and



piano and was hoping to study law at Yale or Harvard. But a darker side to his character emerged in his diaries which were discovered by police. They spoke of his difficulties in coping with life, although there was little, or no mention, of any specific problem such as bullying.

Dario, an only child, was found by a 20-year-old lodger at the family's home in Ealing, west London. He had a shotgun by his side.

His father, Pietro, a translator, was in Switzerland on busidramatics class.

Inspector Colin Nursey, who found five diaries covering the last year of Dario's life, said there was a reference in them contemplating suicide. "He would not leave a note, he was very specific about that," he said.

Neither parent was in court. but Nadia Taylor, a family friend for the past 15 years, told the inquest that Dario was "always a very sociable and very friendly person". She said: "We are all very shocked. It all came as a surprise to us that be felt this

But Dr Burton said be could see no other conclusion than that Dario had taken his own life. "He has made it clear that he did so. That is the unly verdict that I can return. "He was quite stoical about

it. He did not fear death. He decided on balance that life is not good and points out that the mathematics be has used are indisputable and that is his last entry. It was a considered process.

Dario's headmaster, John McIntosh, has said he was bafness, and his mother, Saleni, a fled and the school was shocked.

THE EUROSCEPTIC alarm over BY STEPHEN CASTLE

Santer: We may end

the threat of tax harmonisation hitting Britain was fuelled yesterday by Jacques Santer, the President of the European Commission, when he refused to rule out an end to the national veto on EU tax proposals.

Tony Blair will today reemphasise Britain's readiness to use the veto if necessary to prevent any moves which would damage national interests when he meets President Jacques Chirac for an Anglo-French summit in St Malo in Brittany. Mr Blair told MPs yesterday

that Britain was prepared to stand alone in Europe if necessary in opposition to plans for greater tax harmonisation. The Prime Minister's official

spokesman attacked the "hysteria" in the British media about the apparent push towards tax harmonisation by Oskar Lafontaine, the German Finance Minister, and his French counterpart, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, at a Franco-German meeting on Tuesday.

That view was shared by Mr Santer, who said: "When I read the British press, I sometimes think I find myself in a dif-

Dilemmas

AND COLIN BROWN

ferent world, not the world that I want."

But Mr Santer added to the controversy by arguing for further co-ordination of VAT rates. and refusing to rule out the possibility that countries may eventually lose the veto on tax decisions.

The two-day summit meeting between Britain and France was intended to be dominated by an Anglo-French statement of co-operation on defence, leading to the replacement of the Western European Union



defence arm by an EU defence

But the meeting is almost certain to be overshadowed hy the thorny issue of taxation. Mr Blair will be accompanied by other senior ministers, including John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, who will be discussing co-operation on

> State for Defence, George Robertson, and Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary.
>
> Mr Cook today will try to damp down the expected Tory attack in a debate in the Commons on Europe hy making it clear there is no threat of tax harmonisation while the Government retains the veto. He will also tell MPs that tax harmonisation does not mean all

EU members states have to

transport, the Secretary of

have the same tax regimes. Mr Santer supported arguments made by Mr Lafontaine that progress on tax matters would in the long run require a shift to majority voting, but added: "For the time being we have got the treaty and we have to be guardians of that

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## Last of a long line of great Tory aristocrats

OFTEN DESCRIBED as the BY PAUL WAUGH last great Tory "aristo", Viscount Cranhorne's demise ends more than a 100 years of Parliamentary tradition of one of the greatest Conservative dy-

The great-great-grandson of the Prime Minister Lord Salisbury won widespread respect for the way in which he marshalled his troops to inflict defeat after defeat on the Government in the House of

Yet Robert Cecil Cranborne. the seventh Marquis of Salisbury, carried a sense of "nohlesse ohlige that seems finally to have led to his sacking last night,

Although he fought vigorously against the Government's plans to reform the Lords, as a hereditary peer himself, he realised that his days were numbered and was open to

FORECAST

General situation: England and Wales will start generally dry but rather cold with patches of log and frost. The southern half of England and Wales will termain thy with a few spells of sunshine, but a band or cloud and light showers will spread southwards across northern England, north Wales and the north Midlands. Northern Scotland will be colder than in recent days. There will be a mix of sunny spells and wintry showers. Southern Scotland and Northern Incland will begin the day cloudy with some drizzly rain, but it will become brighter this afternoon.

E AngBa, E England, Midlands: Rather cold again with cloud increasing from the north bringing one of two showers rowards evening. A light northerly wind. Max temp 4-5C (39-41F).

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Channel Is, SW England, S Wales: Some cloud around but largely dry with a few sunny breaks. A light north-easterly wind, Max temp 3-50 (37-41F).

N Ireland, SW & SE Scotland, Glasgow, Edinburgh: Early cloud and drizzle soon clearing to leave it cold, but there will be a few sunny spells this afternoon A moderate north-westerly wind. Max temp 6-8C (43-46F).

NW & NE Scotland, Aberdeen, W & N Isles: A much colder day than recently There will be some decent sunny spells, but these will be interspersed by shower many of them heavy. A strong north-westerly wind. Max temp 5-7C (41-45F).

OUTLOOK

Very cold across the country tomorrow with a strong northerly wind adding to the chill. The north and east will have half, sleet and snow showers, but shelten western areas will be mainly sunny after an early frost. Saturday will also be bit terly cold with rain, sleet and snow in the north, but the south should stay dry.

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to his friends, became Leader of the House of Lords in 1994, and then opposition Leader after the last election.

Educated at Eton and Oxford, he sat as MP for Dorset South for 16 years. He showed little interest in promotion and gave up his seat in 1987. He had achieved notoriety as an MP after offering his freelance services to the Mujahedin resisting the Soviet regime in

He was persuaded by his old friend John Major to re-enter Parliament in 1992, when he was summoned to the Upper House with his family name. When he offered his resignation after the 1997 election defeat,

Mr Hague refused to accept it. The family gave its name to the "Salisbury Convention", established by the 5th Marquis. which states that the House of Lords will not frustrate the House of Commons when the latter is expressing the over-

whelming will of the electorate. It appears that Lord Cranborne's own commitment to the convention has led to his

When the Government lost the European Elections Bill at the end of the last session of Parliament, he offered what appeared to be a truce by stating that Tory peers would respect the convention. The peace offer infuriated

Mr Hague, who reversed it the following day. When Lord Cran-borne decided to offer a similar "freelance" deal on Lords reform, Mr Hague's fury resulted in his sacking.

When he was asked recently where his career was heading, Lord Cranborne gave a startling answer: "I'm not a bank clerk," he said. "I don't have a career." Today, he certainly doesn't.

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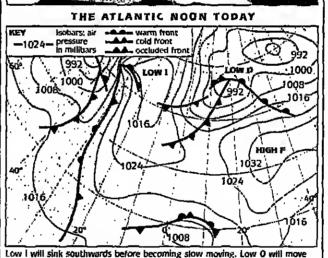
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## Blair in new deal on EU defence

THE BRITISH and French governments are expected to agree a common approach to European Union defence policy following a hroadly successful meeting between foreign and defence ministers in Paris yesterday.

The text of a possible statement – formally dropping Britain's long-standing opposition to EU involvement in defence matters - is likely to be agreed when the political top brass meets for the annual Anglo-French summit in St Malo today and tomorrow.

Both British and French sources stressed the "historic" nature of yesterday's meeting an attempt by the two countries to force the pace on an important European issue, in a manner usually associated with Franco-German summits.

Although some differences remain, Mr Blair, President Chirac and the French Prime Minister, Lionel Jospin, are expected to agree a statement of principles for negotiations with other European countries and the US - on the development of an EU capacity to act militarily separately from Nato.

Britain stresses that this is not intended to rival or weaken the western alliance but to provide EU countries with a capability to intervene in European trouble spots (such as the Balkans) when the US is not

able, or willing, to do so. It is understood that some of the unresolved issues are between France and France, rather than between France and Britain. In other words. there are differences of approach between President Chirac and Mr Jospin and bein Paris

tween the French foreign and defence ministries.

Mr Blair startled other European governments in October when he said it was time to have another try at solving the institutional and logistical problems which have defeated earlier attempts to create a European defence identity. The Prime Minister said he was ready to drop Britain's long standing opposition to defence issues being decided at EU level.

It is believed that the St Malo statement would leave open the possibility of the Western European Union, at present a kind of half-way house between Nato and the EU, being brought fully into the EU treaties and institutions. This is something which has been long den anded by the French and Germans.

French officials said the core issue was "how to allow the ELI to take over political and strategic management of military operations, including using forces assigned to Nato". Such a development would be extremely welcome to the French. They remain outside the military structures of Nato but have become aware of the limits of their political and military capacity to act alone.

Britain says the overall responsibility of Nato for defending the Contineot must not be challenged. But those EU countries willing to do so should create a new decision-making process - and provide the transport, satellite and other logistic hardware – for independent, 🧉 peace-keeping and punitive actions on the Continent.

### Tree surgeon axes family to death

A MAN slaughtered his estranged wife and her elderly parents with what is believed to be an axe then shortly afterwards died in his blazing, barricaded home a couple of miles away.

The body of Philip Heyward, 64, a tree surgeon, was found yesterday at his razed house in St Blazey Gate, Cornwall. It is believed he hanged himself.

The bodies of his wife Phyllis Heyward, aged in her fifties, and her parents, Albert and Myra Spring, hoth in their eighties, were found by Mrs Heyward's sister. Shirley house in St Austell.

BY CATHY COMERFORD

Solomon. They had been beaten to death, and had severe head injuries inflicted by what appeared to be a hlunt instrument. An axe was recovered from Mr Heyward's house, but police would not say whether it was the murder weapon.

Detective Inspector Dave Rowe said last night no one else was being sought.

Mrs Heyward had left her husband six weeks ago and was staying at Ms Solomon's

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## Your implant will diagnose you now: a vision of medicine in the 21st century

By GLENDA COOPER AND CHARLES ARTHUR

IT IS A DREAM for some, a nightmare for others. Designer babies, "Star Trek" medical devices. brain implants and womb transplants may sound like fantasy but could all become commonplace in the next half century.

Rather than visiting the local GP we will increasingly live in "intelligent houses" which monitor our health through body implants and consult the Internet to find the expert in our problem.

technological breakthroughs, the darker side of future medicine conjures up a picture of a Brave New World, where brain function could be assessed in the womb and parents wbo continue with pregnancy knowing their child carries an illness could face stigma and be forced to meet the costs of treatment.

These are some of the predictions made in "Clinical Futures", an analysis of likely changes in medicine over the next 50 years, published today by the British Medical Journal

According to David Delpy layers of body tissue. "Given developments in computing, allied light to distinguish the absorption arising from different molecules in the body, we may yet McCoy in Star Trek, the doctor to make an instant diagnosis,"

said Professor Delpy. be increased growth in patients looking after their own health. "Technology is going to the local level," he said. "People are going to diagnose themselves, buying small testing own health, driven increasingly by healthcare insurance."

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publishing group.

Professor of Medical Physics at University College, London, an instant diagnostic device might well work using near-infrared light which can penetrate deep to the ability of near-infrared see the day when, like Dr merely waves a machine with flashing lights over the patient

He added that there would push diagnosis right down to kits in Boots, and monitor their

He suggested there might be lower premiums or no claims bonuses on bealthcare insurance for those who monitored

WHAT

Within 10 years it will be possible to transplant a viable foetus... into an artificial enviroment which will nurture the pregnancy to a point where safe delivery can

ARTIFICIAL

WOMBS

Last July a Japanese team used a "machine womb" ~ an opentopped acrylic tank, filled with liquid at blood temperature - to take a 17-week-old goat foetus to term three weeks later Improvements in intensive babies born at 24 weeks can survive

The fertility expert Lord Winston said last year. "A technique like this (artificial womb) may well save a number of (premature) babies that would Otherwise die." The artificial placenta would let their lungs develop more fully.

Yes, though It will be a long, long time - if ever - before it completely replaces the biological womb and its subtle effects on the embryo.

DESIGNER BABIES

"By cloning sections of DNA that code for physical or mental fitness, genetic engineers will have the potential to produce designer babies, but only for those who can afford it.""

We have tests for a variety of geneoc flaws. A number of clinics claim to be able to let you pick the sex of your child - but it's still hit or miss. But because of ethical worries, nobody has yet tried to alter or control a foetus's genetic makeup, in case it does more harm than

Huge. It would magnify the gap between rich and poor because only the former would be able to pay for, and benefit from, the treatment. However, sex would remain a cheap way to acquire "quality"

"Gene therapy", to control and shape our DNA, promises much but has so far not delivered. Mastering it could take decades.

INTELLIGENT HOUSES

"it is possible to imagine a large proportion of the population having permanent implants which would provide permanent monitoring of the most important physiological parameters."

In August Professor Kevin Warwick, at Reading University, implanted a silicon chip under his skin so hitech buildings could remotely sense his presence. Monitoring the body's processes only needs miniaturisa tion of systems that already exist to monitor our vital signs.

It's important for older people and those at risk of acute illness such as heart attacks. Rapid treatment always Improves the quality of recovery, and with a growing number of older people that could be a key factor.

The only obstacles are cost, which is minor, and privacy - would you want all that personal data being beamed about?

TRANSPLANTS

\*Nerve cells from trangenic pigs may become commonplace as treatment for Parkinson's disease by 2010... it may take 10-20 more years... to treat spinal cord injuries and other forms of paralysis."\*

> The 37-year-old actor Michael J Fox. who has Parkinson's, had brain surgery in March in an attempt to lessen its effect on his nervous system, Others are also having experimental surgery to try to ward off similar diseases. The problem is how to get the "new" nerve tissue to work.

Degenerative brain diseases are the curse of an ageing population. Reiuvenating our nerves could transform our later lives, and help younger people with debilitating diseases. Curing paralysis is the Holy Grail of this field,

Yes: experimental implants are already going ahead in animals, and we understand more about the brain and nerves every day.

**DOCTORS** 

"Home-based blood sampling and automated drug prescription... may see the demise of the traditional GP, patient contacts would mostly be with nonmedical personnel, with telelinks to specialists"

Pregnant women on the Isle of Wight can talk to specialists in London who view their ultrasound pictures over telephone links. The availability of the Internet and mail-order genetic testing has meant more people can do self-diagnosis. GPs lose out to specialists in pay terms too,

People are more honest about divulging medical problems to machines and tend not to argue with the diagnosis, For harder cases. telemedicine means you can speak to the top specialist in the country, wherever they are.

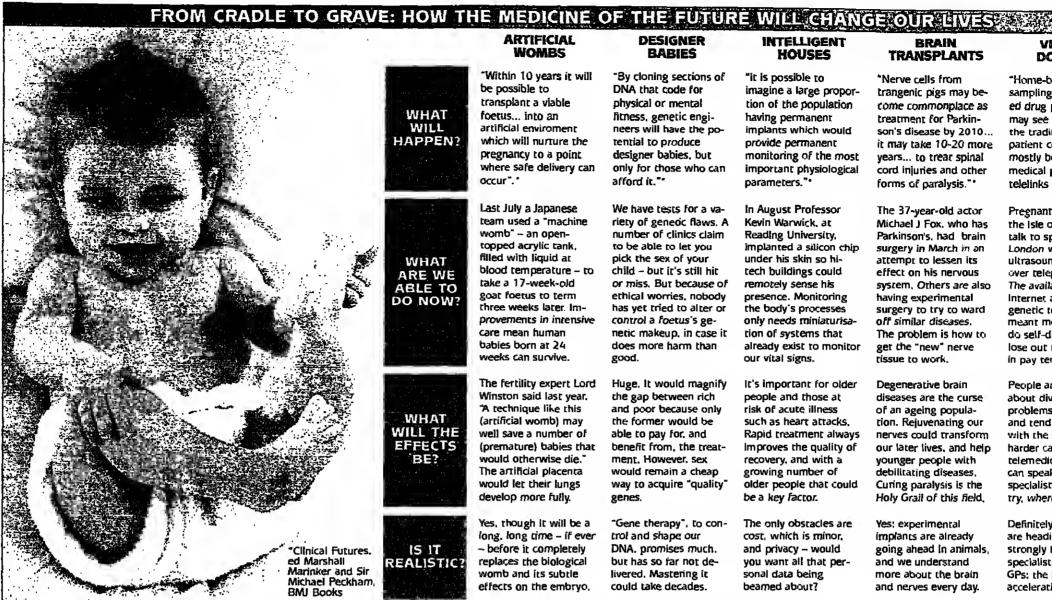
Definitely, The trends are heading very strongly towards more specialists and fewer GPs: the Internet is accelerating it.

occurring twins could be brought to bear in order to reduce the risk of disability. Increased knowledge of bow

childhood development affects adult health might promote aggressive state "nannyism". "In an era when adoptable children will become increas-

ingly scarce, child confiscation might become the preferred method of enhancing living conditions for children, rather than attempts at across-theboard improvements," she said. Despite this the scientists all

said they saw the future as optimistic. "There is great potential and it is very exciting."



ple are also going to be consulting across the Internet, finding the consultant who has the most expertise in their particular problem and then dashing around Europe to get themselves treated. This also means the role of doctors is going to change quite significantly."

Professor Delpy foresees a world where body implants would monitor blood pressure. heart rate and other health indicators. They could be linked to the "intelligent house" which would continuously monitor data from the implants, spotting anything from a cold to an impending heart attack.

device for elderly people living for cancer are being attempted after its inhabitant by booking appointments with doctors or adjusting a diet by controlling the ordering or cooking of the right foods.

Everybody will be so interlinked that a large part of routine functions will go on around you without you knowing." said Professor Delpy. "Your car will be driven out ready for you in the morning and your breakfast will start cooking itself."

In cancer treatment, one specialist predicted that a "golden age" of drug discovery and gene therapy would begin.

alone, the house could look and more would be tried. One approach would be to tag cancer cells to make them more visible to the body's immune system. Alternatively, cancer cells could be tagged with genes that make them better targets for anti-cancer drugs.

With an ageing population,

cancer incidence will inevitably rise. But Karo! Sikora, Professor of International Cancer Medicine at the Imperial College School of Medicine, said that by 2020 concerted action against smoking could reduce cancer incidence by 20 per cent, and dietary modifications

Leslie Iverson, Visiting Professor at the department of pharmacology at Oxford University, predicted remarkable developments in brain and nerve repair. Brain cell transplants, when foetal cells are incted into the damaged area of the brain, would belp tackle degenerative diseases such as

Parkinson's and Alzheimer's. New techniques will also be used to regenerate nerve fibres. by finding ways to bridge the scarring between damaged nerves, using powerful chemical promoters of nerve cell growth. "The prospect of makthe blind see again and the

but not impossible goal in this field of research," be said. For those with weight problems, anti-obesity drugs which target the centres of the brain

developed. Then it may be possible to provide a treatment regime that would permanently readjust the body weight controi system downwards (or upwards for anorexics). Genes that predispose people to mental illnesses such as

schizophrenia, manle depression, and even addiction to drugs or alcobol, would be identified and screened out.

But Catherine Peckham,

Health, said that the advances In technology must be accompanied by a debate on the influence this had on society. which control weight could be Sbe predicted that artificial

cine at the Institute of Child

wombs could become a reality within 10 years. And by cloning sections of DNA that contribute to physical or mental fitness. and screening out unwanted characteristics, genetic engineers would have the ability to produce designer babies. "I think they could become a possibility, but I hope they won't." she said yesterday.

Because of the Inherent risks in multiple births, pres-

## Breast cancer alert for 40 women as doctor quits

A HEALTH TRUST has re- By Cathy comerford called 40 women for breast checks as a part of a review into the work of a surgeon after the deaths of two of his patients.

David Baumber has now resigned from his job as a consultant surgeon for Bury Hospital. Realthcare NHS Trust in The re Greater Manchester Mr Baumber had not worked for the Trust since April when

had been responsible, died after general surgery. Following concerns raised by nursing staff, the case of a second patient under Mr Baumber's care, who had died after

general surgery, was re-exam-The second deceased was a woman in ber 60s. Concern was expressed about the level of post-operative care. As a re-

suit of the two cases the trust ordered an independent review into Mr Baumber's work atBury General Hospital and at the nearby Fairfield

management of post-operative care of both papents but said that it was not clear whether a male patient in his 40s, for care management had conwhose post-operative care be tributed to their deaths.

> A 24-hour helpline had been set up to provide counselling for

The review criticised the ner were kept informed but the solutely certain."

A spokesman for the trust, which runs both hospitals, said that a further review of more than 600 of Mr Baumber's cases was under way, and a team of health-care experts had been called in to examine 460 breast-work cases in detail. Of those, 40 had been recalled for a mammogram,

for breast problems.

Hugh Lamont, bead of communications for the regional office of the NHS executive, said: "There were criticisms of patient management. The families of the two people and the cororeview did not find any cases where the outcome was

affected. special clinics and all the women have been contacted. The first nine were all in the clear and the rest are expect-

ed to hear today or next week." Umesb Prabu, medical director of the trust, told The Independent: "The operations were very good, but when the patient developed complications the post-operative care

was ill-managed. "As a surgeon you have two

women treated by Mr Baumber choices: you either observe. or you go in quickly and operate again. It was felt be had not

acted quickly enough. "The review could not say for sure if the surgery would have done anything to alter the prognosis. You can never be ab-

Mr Prabu would not describe the surgery carried out as this would breach patient "The trust has set up four confidentiality. But be said that the families of both patients had been fully apprised of the situ-

> "We have been very bonest with the relatives," he said. The trust yesterday empbasised that the investigation was

only a precautionary measure. In a statement it said that details would be made public but that its primary concern remained the welfare of the 40



## Anger as Royal Court puts sponsor's name up in lights

SIR PETER Hall yesterday crit- By DAVID LISTER icised a deal by which a private company will bave its name in lights outside one of the country's most historic venues, the Royal Court Theatre in London.

Sir Peter, former director of the National Theatre and Royal Shakespeare Company, said the £3m deal with the Jerwood company was a "typical sign of the times ... The Royal Court isn't the Jerwood theatre. It has 100 years of history, and Jerwood are buying those 100 years for £3m."

The playwright Harold Pinter said be found the decision "confusing". Bill Alexander, artistic director of the Birmingham Repertory Theatre, said: "It's horrible ... It will be a crying shame if the only way that theatres can get money home. The Royal Court bad

Arts News Editor

from sponsors in the future is to do this."

Under the deal the Jerwood Foundation will give the publicly subsidised theatre the final 23m needed to complete its £26m rebuilding costs.

It had originally wanted the Royal Court to change its name to the Jerwood Theatre but after an outcry a compromise was reached between the Royal Court chairman, the writer Sir John Mortimer, and the Jerwood chairman, Alan Grieve.

However, the deal, though it allows the Royal Court to keep its name, will enable Jerwood to have its name in lights above the theatre's Sloane Square



Hall: 'A sign of the times'

been threatened with going into bquidation next year, still needing £3m to complete reRoyal Court's two auditoria will be called Jerwood Theatre Downstairs and Jerwood Theatre Upstairs.

Outside, the original stone and ironwork on the facade will still read Royal Court Theatre, but a neon sign above the main entrance will highlight the Jerwood Foundation's support with the wording "The Jerwood Theatres at the Royal Court Theatre".

Sir John said: "I am enormously relieved that the nego tiations have been ... resolved and we can now go forward to provide a rebuilt and hugely improved theatre for new writing."

Mr Grieve said: "We bave had a robust debate on our proposed capital funding ... We have now achieved a reasoned

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Extradition: Lawyers' fees of up to £3,000 a day are being paid by former dictator, who is also paying Crown's costs

# Legal bill for Pinochet is £12,000 a day

is running up legal expenses of KIM SENGUPTA un to £12,000 a day in his fight against extradition, according to details of his lawyers' hills obtained by The Independent.

Senior counsel are under stood to have averaged as much as £3,000 per day, while junior memhers of his fivestrong team of barristers are hilling averages of up to £900 for daily "preparation" sessions. Add an estimated daily rate of £4,500 for solicitors and the resultant fees are expected to top £1m before Christmas.

After the House of Lords overturned a High Court ruling that General Pinochet could not be extradited to Spain to answer charges of torture and murder, an earlier order giving him costs from central funds was overturned. That means the former dictator must pay not only his own costs, hut also



Pinochet: Luxury refuge

Costs for the three-day High Court hearing alone were put at about £400,000.

The Independent bas obtained details of the bills already being faced by the Pinochet those of the Crown Prosecution camp. He is represented in Service, which represents the court by two Queens Counsel,

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sel, Helen Malcolm, James Cameron and Julian Knowles. All but Mr Cameron are from 3 Raymond Buildings, Gray's Inn, central London, which specialises in extradition cases. An examination of billing re-

veals Ms Montgomery has been averaging 6.6 hours a day on the case, at a rate of £350 per hour or £2,306 per day. Between 29 October and 11 November, sbe hilled £53,054.05. Sources within the inns of court said yesterday the leading counsel, Clive Nicholls, would receive up to £500 an hour. The junior counsel is by no

means cheap. Helen Malcolm averaged 5.99 hours per day at £150 per hour during a 28-day period, running up fees of £25.162.50. Counsel's instructing solicitors are Kingsley Napley, among the country's most ruthlessly successful. Between three and four solicitors, led by Michael Caplan, senior partner,

the others are thought to range yesterday that a team of four is from £200 to £150 per hour working full-time on the case Bills of £7,500 from the barris-

ters and £4,500 from the solic-

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itors could be expected. General Pinochet yesterday The Crown Prosecution Sersettled into a new temporary Clive Nicholls and Clare Mont- are working on the case. Mr Ca- vice was represented by four home on the exclusive Went- ever anything like this," she

barristers during the Lords worth Estate in Surrey. Anastively at £250 per hour. Fees for hearing. A spokeswoman said tasia Cliffe was astonished to but she could not provide deleged mass murderer. tails of the costs being incurred. "When we were there we had

trouble with people coming to see the Bee Gees, but never.

said. "The house is not particularly luxurious by Wentworth standards but it is very private General Pinochet moved to

the house in Virginia Water after being asked to leave the private bospital where be had been staying after a back operation. The rental for the house, Everglades in Lindale Close, is said to he £10,000 a month. The tree-lined residential area now has road blocks.

A group of husinessmen in Chile is raising funds for Genficial at the Pinochet Foundation said the general was not bastian Santa Cruz.

Carlos Carceres, the presi-

In London, many of the Pinochet support party have past or present links with

They are said to include



dent of the Chilean subsidiary of British American Tobacco is said to be a leading contributor. and the general is also receiv ing the support of Miguel Schweitzer, a Chilean amhassador to Londoo during the military regime, and businessman Hernan Felipe Errazuiz

eral Pinochet's defence. An of- Nico Rogerson. Rohin Birley. Taki Theodoracopulos and Se

## Files reveal Kissinger's role in coup

HENRY KISSINGER, national BY HUGH O'SHAUGHNESSY security adviser and Secretary AND PAUL LASHMAR of State to successive US presidents, most notably Richard Nixon, will come under attack tration releases secret documents about his part in helping General Augusto Pinochet to

power and sustaining him there. The declassified documents will inevitably lead to questions about the US government's own role in the coup against President Salvador Allende in September 1973 and the bloodbath that followed in which 3,000 were murdered or "disappeared".

"There are thousands of documents in the records of the CIA, the Pentagon, the State Department and elsewhere that would prove Spain's case against General Pinochet," said Peter Kornbluh, an analyst with the National Security Archive, the Washington based

freedom of information group. The decision could reveal the depth of US knowledge and involvement in the coup. There is speculation that it could result in international law suits against former US government officials.

One member of the British embassy staff at the time of Pinochet's coup was David Spedding who served in Chile from 1972 to 1974. Now Sir David, he is head of the Secret Intelligence Service, MI6. The documents will back up the evidence that Dr Kissinger

not only sought the liquidation of Allende, the freely elected left-winger, but also did nothing to stop the systematic use of torture by the Pinochet regime. The US is also said to have done nothing to prevent the assassination by Pinochet's secret

police, the Dina, of Orlando Letelier, Allende's former ambassador to the US, in Washington in September 1976. In June the State Department had learnt that the Dina had started an undercover operation in the US capital aod that the government of Paraguay had sought US visas for two Dina officers. George Landau, US ambas-

sador to Paraguay, sought guidance about the two meo from Washington, a request which



Kissinger: Did nothing to stop torture

was passed to Dr Kissinger's office and also to the CIA.

One already declassified document, written by the Assistant Secretary of State, Jack Kubisch, 10 weeks after the coup. shows that US intelligence knew that Pinochet's military had already executed 320 people, three times the officially admitted number, and carried out extensive human rights ahuses. The memo goes on to say that the US government had already sent \$24m of aid to the new regime.

US government and CIA officials who played a part in America's efforts to destabilise Allende's elected government could also come under scrutiny. In front of Dr Kissinger,

President Nixon told the CIA chief. Richard Helms, to do whatever it took to prevent Allende from winning office. "Make the economy scream," he said. He told them to organise a military coup and made \$10m available.

Although the CIA tried, they did not manage to stop Allende in 1970. Helms was later successfully prosecuted for perjury for lying to Congress about the coup attempts. He is now retired.

CIA operations to destabilise Allende continued. Between 1970 and 1973 the US spent nearly \$8m in covert operations. Nixon was motivated by his friends in big business, especially the ITT conglomerate which wanted Allende out.

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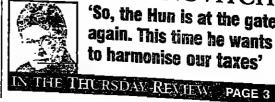
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## Rover boss quits over huge losses

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BY MICHAEL HARRISON

THE GERMAN chairman of the Rover car group resigned yesterday, as the company's owners. BMW indicated that the Government would have to provide up to 2200m in aid to secure the production of a new medium-sized car at the Longbridge plant in Birmingham.

Dr Walter Hasselkus, an Anglophile, aesthete and Latin scholar, said he was resigning after just two years in the joh because "someone had to stand up and be counted" over Rover's mounting losses.

The amouncement came as BMW confirmed that it will invest £400m to build the new Mini at Longbridge. The investment follows union agreemeot on a ground-breaking labour flexibility, deal that will save Rover £150m a year, result in 2,500 job losses but safeguard the future of Longbridge. BMW is funding the new

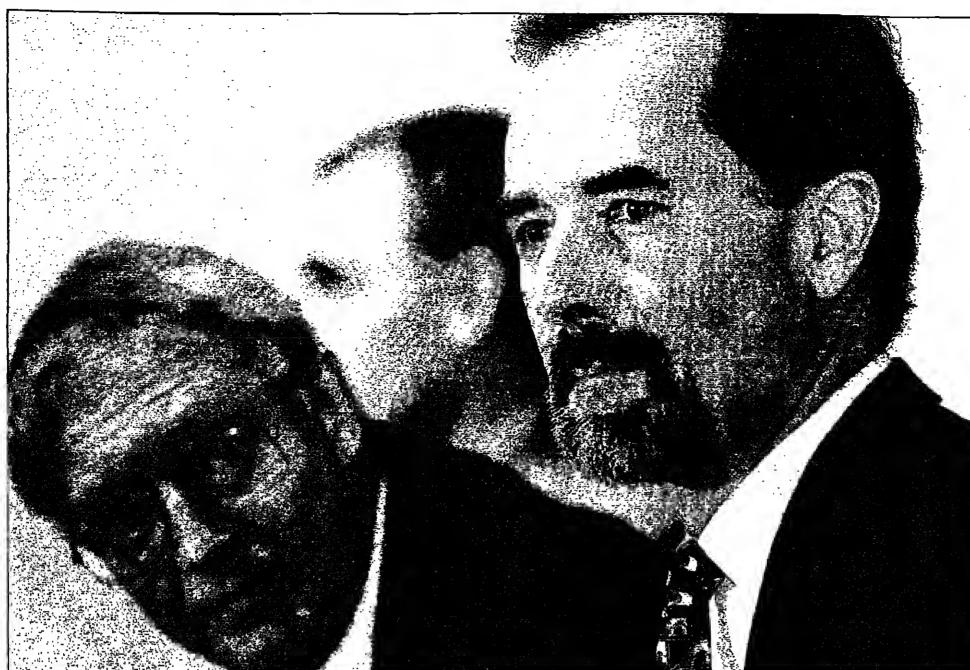
Mini, due to go into productioo in 2000 at a rate of 150,000 cars a year, out of its own resources. But Bernd Pischetsrieder, chairman of BMW, warned that a further £1bn investment in a replacement for the Rover 200-400 series would depend on taxpayers' support to help it match "unfair competition" from Rover's subsidised rivals.

A spokesman for the Department of Trade and Industry said no negotiations had begun with BMW and no aid application received. When one arrived it would be dealt with in the normal way.

Since BMW took over Rover five years ago it has invested £2.5bn hut losses this year are expected to reach at least £600m, mainly hecause of the strength of the pound and Rover's inferior productivity. Mr Pischetsrieder said the

hew union agreement would not enable Rover to close the 30 per cent productivity gap with BMW's plants in Germany and hinted that it may need to transfer more component purchasing abroad,

Rover is already switching suppliers on to the Continent. early retirement and is being phony Orchestra.



Dr Walter Hasselkus (left) who announced his resignation yesterday, at a press conference with BMW chairman Bernd Pischetsreider (right)

360 degrees at the end of the fewer hours during slack peri-He announced his departo the Greek legend about a atioo very carefully and dis-

replaced by Professor Werner Sămann, 56, who previously ran BMW's engines and transmission's division and is regarded as more of a hard-nosed cost cutter.

During Dr Hasselkus's reign, Rover introduced the new baby Range Rover, the film worth of orders from UK Freelander and R75 executive car and also took on the spon-Dr Hasselkus, 58, is taking sorship of the London Sym-

ture at a press conference tinged with emotion and humour and laced with Latin quotations. Asked whether he had jumped or whether he had been pushed, Dr Hasselkus replied: "I jumped, I don't like to be

He then added with a chuckle: "Hic Rhodes, hic salta" (Here is Rhodes, here I jump). The quotation is a reference

man who was always boasting he could jump from one island to another until one day he was challenged to perform the feat. Dr Hasselkus spent four

years as the head of BMW's UK sales operation in the early Eighties and came into the Rover joh from heading its motorcycle division. He is a keen

"Having poodered the situ-

cussed it with Bernd, I have day I have to look at myself. I come to the cooclusioo that feel very strongly somebody has to stand up and he counted." somebody else, somebody who is a real expert in engineering Under the new labour agree-

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and technical areas would be ment, Rover's 37,000 staff will move to a 35 hour week, hut better suited to run Rover." Although the strong pound overtime will end and pay rises was Rover's higgest problem. for the next two years will he sharply reduced. he sald he had got it wrong hy not anticipating how fiercely competitive the UK car market

Employees will vary their shift patterns, working longer hours when demand is high and

Kieran Doherty

ods of the year. Each employee will have a working time account in which they can 'bank" up to 200 hours a year. Union leaders welcomed the

deal. Tooy Woodley, national secretary of the Transport and General Workers, said the new agreement had saved 50,000 jobs in the West Midlands.

Business Outlook,

### BBC's staff in Scotland silenced

BY PAUL MCCANN Media Editor

THE BBC in Scotland has issued a gagging order to stop its journalists and presenters from speaking out oo the issue of a oews programme for post-devolution Scotland, after eight wrote to The Independent last week rejecting the BBC's plans.

The order reflects the furore that has been geoerated by the BBC Governor's rejection of proposals for a "Scottish Six". Instead the Governors have suggested a London-edited bulletin of Scottish news to be included in the national Six O'clock News. A final decision will be made on December 10.

Those who wrote to The Independent last week included the presenters Ruth Wishart and Colin Bell, and BBC Scotland's senior political correspondent, Kenny McIntyre.

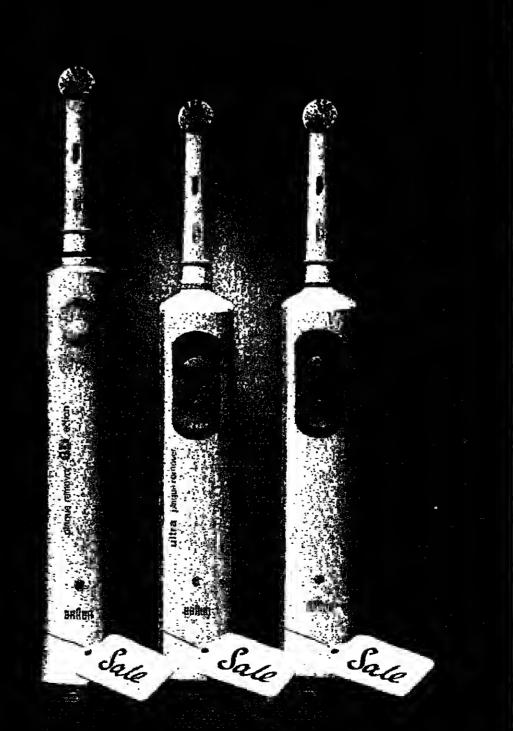
A BBC Scotland spokesman said yesterday that the memo ordering staff to clear any public statemeots about the issue with their superiors was designed to ensure the impartiality of reporters.

The memo, issued by BBC Scotland's head of news, Ken Cargill, said: "Over the past few days there has been significant clarification of precisely what our preferred option would and would not be and some staff have gooe oo the record to correct misconceptions. It's important that we ensure that oo-one crosses the line into campaigning for a Scottish Six in order that we can sustain our impartiality. Strictly speaking, anyone wishing to comment on BBC matters should seek advice from their departmental head. Please ask for that advice should you require it."

One BBC Scotland insider said yesterday: "The issue of impartiality can only affect whoever is covering media stories, yet the BBC is using the impartiality excuse to gag the rest of us - the ones who are most strongly arguing for it."

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### Police accused in race case

A CHIEF Constable and two fel- By GARY FINN low senior officers are to give evidence in the High Court over their role in an alleged racist beating of a 12-year-old

Stephen Pilkington, the chief constable of Avon and Somerset Police, has been called, towith superintendents, in connection with an incident in Lewisham 11 years ago. Police officers, it taunts and assaulted Jermaine Jauvel, now 23.

Mr Jauvel is suing the Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Paul Condon, for damages arising out of his arrest and subsequent prosecutinn for assaulting a police officer in

Rajiv Menon, representing Mr Jauvel, nf London, told the jury: "This is a case about lost innocence and how a child can experience something which no child should have to experience. This is a case about the reality nf being black in an English

Mr Mennn said that before ficers," Mr Menon said.

his arrest Jauvel had never been in trouble and wanted to become a police officer himself. He had been arrested "for no

reason whatsoever", and the incident left him frightened and shocked. He was held for three two hours at Lewisham police station and then charged with assaulting a police officer.

Mr Jauvel had never reis claimed, mouthed racist ceived an apology, said Mr Menon, despite being acquitted of the assault charge by a mag-

At the time of the incident Mr Jauvel had been trying to catch a bus home from the Riverdale Centre in Lewisham, where there was a strong police pres-

It is alleged that police, when asking young people to dis-perse, took Mr Jauvel out nf view, kicked and punched him and called him a "a black shit".

"Racism is no longer denied by the Metropolitan Police. It is now accepted by the commissioner that there are racist of-

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## Council tax rises 'twice inflation'

COUNCIL TAX bills are set to BY PAUL WAUGH rise by nearly double the rate of inflation next year, with even bigger increases likely in the South and London, the Gov-

ernment revealed vesterday. The Deputy Prime Minister, John Prescott, announced that bills would go up on average by 4.5 per cent if councils kept guidelines. The underlying inflation rates stands at 2.5 per cent. Mr Prescott warned that any town hall which exceeded his figure would be subject to tough new penalties and would lose millions of pounds in sub-

Council tax for an average Band D home in England will be at least £781, a rise of £33 nn £748 today.

But the Liberal Democrats and the Tories claimed that bills would be much higher because the Government had removed budget capping and town halls faced new pressures.

They claimed that councils in London and the South-east had again been hit by changes in grant funding while "crony councils" in the North would re-

ceive more help.
Announcing the 1999/2000 local government settlement in the House of Commons, Mr Prescott said that the funding package was the most generous council tax deal ever Cnuncils across England will be allowed to spend an extra £2.6bn next year, a real terms increase of 2.3 per cent. Over the next three years, Standard Spending Assessments, the amount Whitehall judges councils need to spend, will rise by 7 per cent, he

To ensure that councils aren't tempted into profligacy. Mr Prescott revealed a new power to withhold council tax promised rises of no more than benefit subsidy from any council that put up its hills by more areas rises were up to 15 per than a 4.5 per cent guideline. Council leaders claimed that

he new sanction which Mr Prescott described as "Prescott's sophisticated capping", would hit poor areas hardest because they had a larger number of residents claiming the benefit and town halls depended on the subsidy.

Under the new settlement,

Political Correspondent

authorities such as Brent, Brighton and Windsor will be allowed spending rises of inflation or less, whereas the biggest gainers such as Rotherham and Gateshead would get more than 7 per cent. A special grant within Whitehall spending will be paid to cushion those councils that had received less funding than others. Mr

Prescott insisted. "We are asking the council taxpayer to contribute a fair share to the cost of providing local services, nn more, nn less," he added.

"I make this guarantee for next year. No lncal authority. north or south, will receive less government grant support next year than they dio this year.

"It follows that there is no case for steep council tax increases. If we are faced with such increase, we shall not hesitate to act. We have to protect the country's interests as a whnle."

Paul Burstow, the local government spokesman for the Liberal Democrats, said that there was a £1.6 bn gap between what councils needed to maintain services and what the Government was promising.

Council tax rises could average 8 per cent across England, he sald. "This is yet another smoke and mirrors settlement. Once again council taxpayers will be forced to pay more for less. They are robbing from the poor to give to the poorest.

Gillian Shepherd, the Conservative spokeswoman on the Environment, said that the Government averages hid a range of potentially large tax hikes. "Last year ministers 7 per cent and in fact in some cent. It is very pointless that they should be making these kinds of promises this year," she said. "You have today promised jam tomnrrow. Ordinary families know that the hills will ar-

rive next year.' Eric Illsley, MP for Barnsley Central, warned that his council would have to increase its tax by a large amount.



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# Jail stores on es, supermarket shopping list

fered the chance to run stores in prisons in an effort to give inmates better service and choice.

The Prison Service is set to offer contracts for 103 prison shops where inmates are allowed to buy tobacco, toiletries and some luxury items. Private keep-fit instructors could also be invited to run physical education and sports classes in more than 30 prison gyms.

But news of the privatisation plan comes as the Prison Service has been forced to consider ending its first experiment of allowing a private firm to run a husiness within a jail.

The American-owned company Wackenhut (UK) has run the industrial unit at Coldingley prison, in Surrey, for the past year. Inmates are paid to make signposts and provide laundry and engineering services.

The scheme ran into controversy when it was revealed the firm was given a £100,000 loan to buy raw materials and was allowed free gas and electricity worth around £40,000. Prison Service critics said jail bosses were desperate for the scheme to succeed so similar projects to be set up at other jails.

The Wackenhut project is de-

signed to improve the profitability of prison industries by bringing in private-business efficiency. But sources at the prison have revealed that the firm has found it difficult to win contracts and is understood to be making losses of £40,000 a month. It has asked to renegotiate its contract, which began in November last year, hut Prison Service officials are re-

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luctant to give the company another £500,000 a year. Nevertheless, the Prison Service is looking at pressing ahead with privatisation plans

in other areas. Harry Fletcher, of the National Association of Probation Officers, criticised the develooment. Just as they are running into trouble with the privatised prison industry they are trying to privatise the gyms and the prison shops, which have always been non-profitmaking ventures."

The prison shops - known as "canteens" – could generate a year. Typically, prisoners who do duties such as cleaning earn around £10-a-week which they

jails have experimented with enhanced wages" of between £60 and £134 a week for full-time jobs making food or working on the prison farm.

However, the revenue gen erated by the shops is unlikely to be large enough to tempt Britain's supermarket giants.

A Prison Service spokesman said privatisation of the canteens and gymnasia was under consideration but no final decision had been taken.

He confirmed that Wacker hut (UK) and senior officials were re-negotiating the future of the business but said details were the subject of commercial



Chelsea pensioners working up an appetite at the traditional 'Ceremony of the Christmas Cheeses' yesterday. Top of the cheese board was the great cheddar, weighing 56lb (25kg). The event dates back to the opening of the Royal Hospital in 1692

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## Ban on offal went beyond official advice

THE FORMER Tory Agriculture minister John MacGregor yesterday told the inquiry investigating the BSE crisis that he went beyond the scope of scientific advice to ban certain types of beef offal from human consumption.

Mr MacGregor and his deputy, Sir Donald Thompson, both decided to ignore the advice of officials and announced the offal ban in June 1989. They took the decision despite concern that it would cause a media outcry.

The inquiry into 'mad cow disease", sitting in London, heard from Mr MacGregor that he originally took a cautious approach over BSE after taking up his role in 1987. He wanted scientific evidence before making decisions to protect the Government from any threat of legal action.

As a result, in April 1988 he set up a working party of ex-perts, under Sir Richard Southwood of Oxford University, to report to him on the issue. The party's final report, in February 1989, included a recommendation that those offals should not be included in baby food. Mr MacGregor said he grew increasingly concerned about this recommendation and decided to take a "belt-and-braces approach" by banning offals, such as the spinal cord, brains, spleen and tonsils, from all human foods. He called a meeting of of-ficials from his own department and the Department of Health in 1989 to tell them of this.

"It was controversial," Mr MacGregor told the inquiry. One reason my officials were concerned was because it put the issue up more strongly and

By JACKIE BROWN



John MacGregor: Took decision to ban offal

could result in a flurry of concern, which we managed to avoid. It was not popular with some of the industry. It was a very clear example of where the ministry was acting in the best interests of food safety and not just taking the producers' line." He met Sir Richard the fol-

lowing day to discuss the fact that there was not scientific evidence to support such a ban. The two finally agreed on the

move and decided that it would be presented as being the most effective way of dealing with the baby-food issue because it would ensure that no such material got into the food chain.

Sir Donald, who was in charge of food safety at the time, said they had expected an outcry. "We expected to get the same press as the ban on beefon-the-bone got recently," he said. "At the end of the day, it was an ultra-safe measure."

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#### IN BRIEF

#### IRA rebels jailed for failed robbery

FIVE "REAL IRA" dissident republicans were jailed yester-day by the Special Criminal Court in Dublin after pleading guilty to the attempted robbery of a security van in County Wicklow in May. A sixth man, Ronan Mac Loghlainn, 28, was killed at the scene during a gun battle with Irish police. The van was carrying £300,000 in cash.

Florists accused of grave offence A MARRIED couple stole floral tributes and wreaths from a cemetery to use in their florist's shop, a court heard yesterday. Mary Scott, 35, and her husband David, 60, were accused of taking wreaths and flowers from a cemetery in North Shields. The couple pleaded not guilty at Newcastle

Crown Court to five charges of theft. inquest into pub deaths begins
AN INQUEST opened yesterday into the deaths of two women who are believed to have been overcome by fumes in a pub. Helen Marks, 31, from Leeds, and Kay Stenning. 30, of Richmond, Surrey, were found in a guest room at The Crown Inn, Wentnor, Shropshire, on Sunday. The

hearing, in Ludlow, was adjourned until March 22.

## PM emerges victorious from shoot-out in the chamber

OFFICIALLY PRIME Minister's and although be has been aiming question time ends at 3.30 on the wide just recently, he might let a dot. But it is often over well before couple of pellets land a little close, then. If William Hague rattles off just to remind Mr Blair that he's not every round in his six-shooter within the first 10 minutes, for example, be a mere codicil to the main event, then the rest of the occasion almost always has something of a desultory air, a duel in which one of the gunslingers has run out of ammunition. Tony Blair can emerge from behind the riddled water-hutt he's been for their phones well before questions using for cover and taunt his opponent with his impotence.

It is not safe to dismiss the oc-

firing hlanks. But what follows will

But vesterday afternoon, the session concluded early for the rarest of reasons. Something had actually happened, something so unusual that experienced journalists headed were formally over, confident that nothing could top what had just happened. Unless Mr Blair ancasion entirely - Paddy Ashdown is nounced that he was leaving Cherie still out there somewhere with a to set up borne with Alastair Campbell, they knew they had their lead.

It began with Mr Hague inviting the Prime Minister to say whether he was happy to see "nearly 100 hereditaries continue to sit in the House of Lords". Mr Blair agreed. a response that bemused some Labour MPs without quite suppressing their Pavlovian reflex to make supportive noises whenever he reaches a full stop. "His party may not be aware of what he is talking about," continued Mr Hague, dis-

appointed by the lack of reaction. The Government, he explained, had been quietly preparing to cut a deal with the monstrous forces of reaction. In exchange for allowing one in ten of the hereditaries to keep

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a seat in the Lords, the Tory peers would agree to give up hooliganism. Quite how the lucky few were to

haps Mr Blair intends some form of legislative decimation, in which every tenth hereditary would be executed and their bodies propped on the benches to form a posthumous opposition. From my brief experience of the House of Lords it might he quite some time before the subterfuge was discovered.

For the moment, though, it was not the mechanics of the deal that mattered but its mere existence, a fact that Mr Hague clearly believed derailed the Government's argument that this was a matter of constitutional principle. In effect, he was

ing the most public and embarrassing moment at which to do it.

But if he thought Mr Blair would be covered with confusion he miscalculated. Yes, Mr Blair confirmed serenely, the Government was prepared to phase out hereditaries in two stages and, what is more, "we have the agreement of the leader of his party in that House".

Labour MPs, completely lost by now, loyally cheered this new concordat with the toffs. Mr Hague's charge had misfired and he could do nothing but plunge the detonator handle again and again in frustra-

be selected was not clear, nor how long their reprieve would last. Perplicitous, he had left himself looking ill-prepared.

Mr Blair was quick to exploit the opening. "I can't prevent him from engaging in a kamikaze mission". he said genially, after Mr Hague had retreated to his old defensive line about the House of Cronies, "but even his cronies in the House of Lords agree with me".

Mr Blair may yet lose this engagement in the corridors, when Labour MPs have time to reflect on Mr Hague's words about a "huge climb-down", but he unquestionably won it in the chamber.

## Blair under attack over Lords reform

THE PRIME MINISTER was vesterday accused of "lacking principle" over House of Lords reform when William Hague rejected a deal to keep 100 hereditary peers in exchange for his party's acquiescence in the rest of the Government's "illthought-out" changes.

The Tory leader stunned the Commons during question time when he gave details of the deal and publicly condemned it as a "huge climbdown" by the Gov-

But while Tony Blair admitted that he was prepared to agree to a two-stage removal of bereditary peers, he sought to embarrass Mr Hague by claiming that the deal had already been agreed by Viscount Cranborne, the Conservative Leader in the Lords.

Mr Blair said: "I take it that you oppose the deal that has the Conservative Party in the House of Lords.

"As a result of this, we will indeed remove hereditary peers. We will do It by consensus, stage one and then stage two,

PM QUESTIONS BY SARAH SCHAEFER

room in the legislative programme for other measures as

We are agreed on our side. Your party in the House of Lords is now agreed. What is very clear from this exchange is that you no longer speak for the Conservative Party in the House of Lords."

During a series of rowdy exchanges Mr Hague said that the proposal did not satisfy even the one principle the Prime Minister had said that be favoured removal of the hereditary

Mr Hague said: "Ours was no reform without knowing where it is going. Labour's was, until today, the removal of the bereditary peers. Does this been agreed by the Leader of not demonstrate you never had any principle on this matter at

The Prime Minister said that Mr Hague's response demonstrated that even when hereditary Conservative peers

pared to agree change, he was

"What is clear is that nowadays with the Conservative Party, even when one speaks to the Leader in the Lords, one can't be sure the Leader of the Conservative Party bere is of the same mind."

In reply, Mr Hague said that it was "beyond the Prime Minister's comprehension how any politician can stand on a principle and stand firm in their be-

"What we know is that you intend to turn the House of Lords into a House of Cronies. You are now ready to indulge in any horse trading to get to that end, I stand on the principle that you don't blunder with the constitution until you know where you are going.

To Labour laughter, Mr Blair responded: "I cannot prevent you engaging in what is a kamikaze mission on your side.

"All I can say is that even your cronies in the House of Lords agree with me that it is so that we can ensure there is in the House of Lords were preget the reform through with the that was based on "no com-



Tony Blair speaking yesterday in the House of Commons. He was accused of a 'huge climbdown' over House of Lords reform

minimum of difficulty that is in the interests of the country."

Earlier Mr Hague repeatedly made clear that while be welcomed "this buge climbdown", the Tories were not prepared to acquiesce in that change because they were not prepared better to try to get this reform to join forces with Mr Blair on form. Where does that leave through. If we can manage to major constitutional change your principles now?

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we believe it is wrong to embark and await the report of the out any idea of where it is leading. We said before and say now: the Lords, he said: "Now you no stage one reform without

> stage two. "Doesn't your total lack of principle and horse trading you are now disowning the confirm that it is just common

But Mr Blair replied: "No. What is common sense is to get this thing done with as little fuss and as easily as possible, which we can now do.

"What is fascinating is that "Let me make it clear that sense to put that reform on hold Leader of the Conservative

want to he in that position but I doubt very much that your party wants to be.

"All this indicates that when you are actually provided with the means of getting reform through you are more interested in playing games about agreement entered into by the the House of Lords than getting

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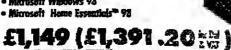
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## MPs hit at 'flawed' closed-lists system

mittee of MPs has attacked the controversial voting system favoured by Tony Blair which would allow people only to support political parties, rather than individual candidates.

Ministers were yesterday embarrassed by the criticism of the all-party Scottish Affairs Select Committee, which also expressed fears about the "potential flaws" in the Government's hlueprint for the Scottish Parliament, which opens next year. Seventy-three assembly members will be tee declared yesterday: "We elected by the first-past-thepost system, topped up with 56 elected by proportional representation from party lists.

The Government has opted for a "closed list" system under which voters can only support a party. It has also chosen this method for next June's elections to the European Parliament, but the Bill proposing that has been rejected five times by the House of Lords. which wants "open lists" so that people can vote for candidates. Last night the Government rushed the European elections BY ANDREW GRICE Political Editor

Bill through the Commons in the bope that it can be pushed through the Lords by January. The move provoked fresh criticism by the Tories of "control freakery" by Labour, because the "closed list" system allows parties to decide which candidates have the best chance of winning, as they fix the pecking order on their own lists.

The Scottish MPs' commit-



Salmond: Assembly will

in keeping with the principle of trusting the people and giving

them the maximum choice." The committee welcomed the creation of the new Scottish assembly, but criticised the Government's approach to constitutional reform. Its report raised fears over the potential for conflict be-

tween Westminster and Edinburgh and how the disputes could push Scotland towards independence. The report added: "If the Scottisb people express a desire for independence, the stage would be set for a direct clash between what is the English doctrine of the sovereignty of Parliament and the Scottish doctrine of the sover-

eignty of the people." Alex Salmond leader of the Scottish National Party, said the Government had run into trouble by being "too grudging" by not devolving enough powers to Scotland. "The Scottish Parliament can not remain a static body," he said. "Its powers will grow and develop, at a pace dictated by the people of Scotland, not by Westminster."

### Tax credit 'unworkable'

THE GOVERNMENT'S plan to TAX introduce a new tax credit for low-income families, the centrepiece of March's Budget, came under attack yesterday from MPs on the House of Commons social security committee.

The committee's report on the Working Families Tax Credit (WFTC) warned of difficulties in implementing the plan.

The MPs also criticised officials for being unable to answer questions about how the tax being considered in areas credit would work in practice. although they welcomed the principle of boosting the rewards of work.

The new credit is due to be introduced in April 2000. The main concern outlined in the report was whether employers, who will have to administer the WFTC through the payroll, will he able to do so on time.

BY DIANE COYLE **Economics Editor** 

The timetable is made tighter by the Government's failure to decide on details such as how to pay the credit to those with more than one job or to

those who change jobs. We regret that officials were not more forthcoming in discussing the range of options where no final decision had been made," the report said.

The list of detailed criticisms of the WFTC, which will replace Family Credit as the income top-up for low earners, is all the more significant because business resistance led to the defeat in the House of Lords of a similar proposal hy the Conservative government in 1988. This led the Tories to opt for Family Credit, a social security benefit, rather than a tax credit.

Employers' organisations which gave evidence to the social security committee on the WFTC were unanimous in criticising the plan.

They objected to the administrative burden, especially for small companies, and to the need for employers to find out details of employees' personal circumstances.

The committee concluded: "The concerns of employers, coupled with the difficult questions which still have to be resolved, lead us to propose that the Inland Revenue should address with some urgency the practical difficulties of implementation within the current

#### THE HOUSE



#### Dome dispute

THE ROW over Peter Mandelson's Millennium Dome role grew with a motion saying he misled Parliament in saying he was not involved in negotiating sponsorship for the project.

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#### **Waiting claim**

THE GOVERNMENT'S campaign to reduce hospital waiting lists was making out patients wait longer to see a consultant, said the Liberal Democrat leader, Paddy Ashdown.

#### **West murders**

THE MAKERS of a Channel 5 film about the murderer Fred West should be sensitive to the wishes of his victims' families, the Prime Minister said.

Today's business IN THE Commons. 2.30pm: Questions on trade and industry, debate on the European Union. Lords. 3pm: Debate on public

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#### **ANSWERS** Sanctions hope

SANCTIONS IMPOSED on Burundi by neighbouring African nations could be suspended early next year. Clare Short, the Secretary of State for International Development, said.

#### Hotiine launch

A 24-HOUR botline for the homeless being launched by Shelter was warmly welcomed by Tony Blair.

## 'I can't see nister look du anyone who G. Gul Mill Lat would be a better mayor'

Tony Blair would like to be London's first elected mayor? The man himself laughs and says he would be interested to know. So would a lot of other people, since this week he came as close to throwing his hat into the ring as it is possible to do without quitting his job and campaigning full time for it.

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"I want to be mayor of London," he said. "I think it would be the best job in the world. At the moment I can't see anybody who could do it better than me: But one lives in hope."

Mr Phillips, 45, has been in favour of an elected mayor for the decade and more he has been reporting on London's problems. A former president of the National Union of Students, he became head of current affairs at London Weekend Television from 1988 to 1994 before leaving to start an independent production business. He has a ot of ideas about the capital's policing and transport.

But he has one problem in trying to win selection as the Labour Party candidate: his two daughters, 11, and 14, attend North London Collegiate, a private school Yet on this issue, Mr Phillips, instead of muttering an embarrassed plea to change the subject, could hardly be more robust.

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Bernie Grant: A surprise ally on educational choice

When the idea came up, his Indian wife, raised in France where everyone attends the neighbourhood school, was horrified. It was not, be says, a decision "lightly taken" - but the choice was clear.

The designated secondary school in Haringey is White Hart Lane Comprehensive, where he and his sister had been pupils and where the number of children with five GCSE passes in this week's league tahles was just 14 per cent. 'Just one in seven, so six out of seven did not get to GCSE level."

"And in the year my older daughter would have gone there, 1995, the proportion of children getting five GCSE passes was 4 per cent."

He was being invited to tell his children he was sending them to a place "where I know you are going to fail".

"This wasn't somewhere where working class children might suffer but middle class ones would do okay. Something was so drastically wrong you are effectively saying to your children I don't care if you fail to fulfil your potential."

There seemed to be two other options. One was to do as . his own parents had done, with his mother working in a sweatshop and his father a night-shift Prime Minister. He dismisses

BY DONALD MACINTYRE

postal worker on £24-per-week. and send his children to Guyana to be educated at

Queen's Coilege, Georgetown.
The second, given that he would "not dream of doing anything else than keep my children with me", was to cast around for the best available option in London, which meant, since he was able to afford it, a fee-paying school.

"People will say why didn't you find a nice grant-maintained school, move across the borough borders or whatever I have no particular quarrel with people who do that. But once you say that you can't put your children in your local neighbourhood school, then whatever else you do is irrelevant.

"The thing that upsets me about this is that people raise it about me as if I have committed a crime ... The issue is not whether it makes me into some kind of bloated photocrat but why most London parents are confronted with the situation where they are asked to see their children fail and smile about it."

Nor is he without potential allies, especially as children from black families are more likely to fail in such schools. His old friend and near neighbour Bernie Grant, also educated in Guyana, astonished MPs by supporting Harriet Harman in her crisis over sending her son to a grammar school

"This goes beyond the old left-right divide. It's really an argument between people who want to confront a real problem and people who want to pretend it doesn't exist and stick to the

"I haven't been caught on Clapham Common. No one is questioning my share dealings. I haven't been caught with an actress on a futon. Yet somehow this thing - that I want to do the best for my children, makes me somehow unsuitable for public life. It's just outrageous."

The new mayor will not be directly responsible for state education. But Mr Phillips has thought a lot about it and is confident that he would be able to influence policy.

He strongly approves of measures by David Blunkett, the Secretary of State for Education, to give head teachers better incentives and improve the fabric of London schools. but does not shrink from saying that you need to borrow some of the private sector's management skills.

On transport, Mr Phillips has big ideas for the use of congestion-charging powers to keep cars out of London and even introduce bans.

Above all, he wants to redraw the map of London's Underground and bus network to provide for south of the river reducing commercial and residential property prices by spreading activity currently concentrated on the north bank of the Thames. .

But all this is for another day. He knows that Ken Livingstone, whatever the efforts to exclude him, remains attractive to Labour activists on the left and some in the trendy nonpolitical middle class who would like to see London's mayor provide a check on the

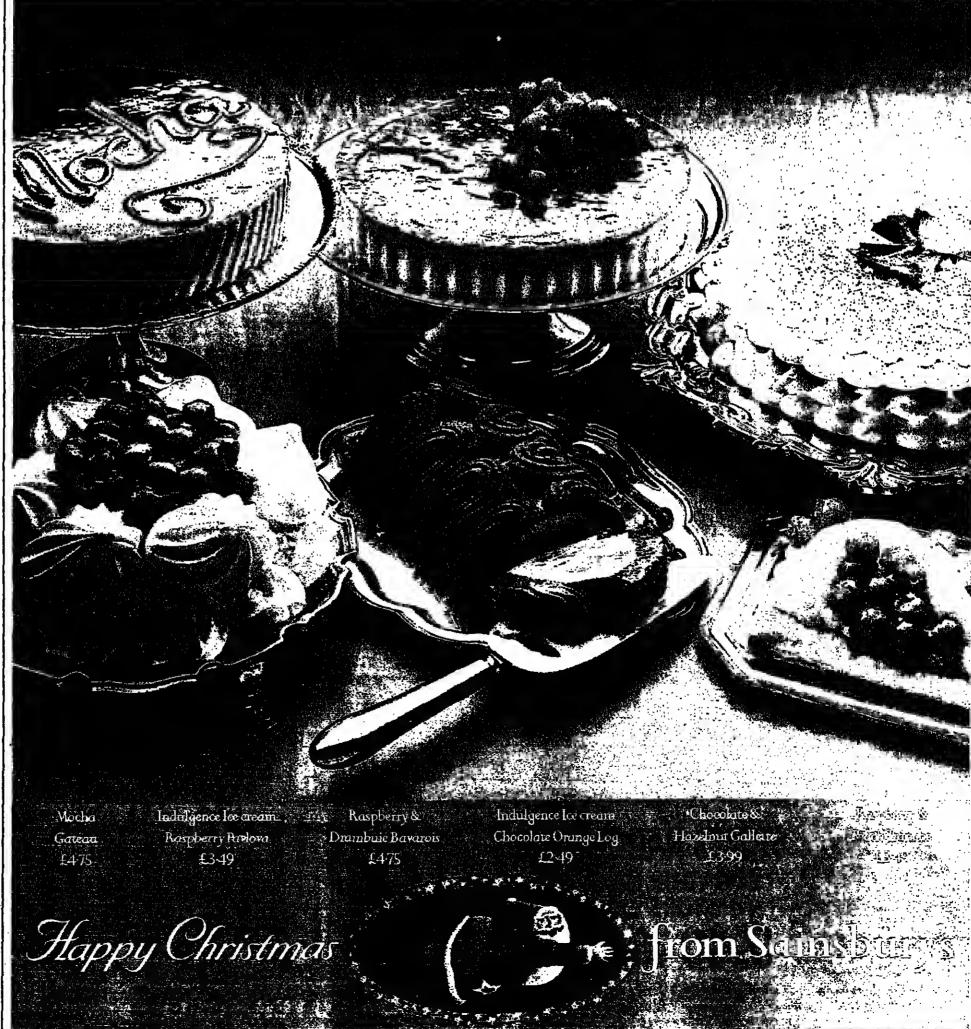
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Ken can compete on what he believes," he says. "What I would say, as one of Ken's friends and admirers, is that you shouldn't look back. You shouldn't go back, I don't think it would be good for him and I don't think it would be good for London.

Whether Mr Phillips can pull it off remains to be seen. It may depend in part on whether he can break one of the few remaining taboos in late 20thcentury Labour Party culture.



Sainsbury's frozen desserts. (Last for ages in the freezer, but not very long outside it.)



#### MILLENNIUM BUG WATCH

PARTS OF the Inland Revenue could be thrown into chaos unless officials speed up plans to deal with the "Millennium bug", the Government admitted yester-

Margaret Beckett, Leader of the House of Commons, conceded that work to rectify computer systems at the tax-raising department was running far too late. A PC network at the Revenue which enables officials to talk to each other about taxpayers' affairs was giving rise to particular concern.

officials said. Much to the delight of reluctant taxpayers, the deficiency could mean considerable delays in processing

Other public-sector or-



ganisations causing concern are the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency, the Northern Ireland Office and the Medicines Control Agency, which monitors the introduction of new drugs.

In an unusual display of candour, the Government admitted that the agencies had either set unacceptably late deadlines for proofing systems against the bug or had allowed completion

BARRIE CLEMENT

Law reform: Irvine says it is unacceptable that courts are only for 'very rich or very poor' as shake-up announced

# Justice at last for Middle England

THE LORD Chancellor, Lord By IAN BURRELL Irvine of Lairg, yesterday unveiled the biggest shake-up in British legal services for 50 years and claimed it would provide "access to justice for mid-

The Modernising Justice published yesterday, will dismantle the legal aid system, which now costs £1.6bn a year.

Lord Irvine promised an end to a system which only proend the poor.

He said: "Think of the ordicary people of 'middle England' who have no real access to justice because they do not qualify for legal aid but dare not risk the costs of going to law to proof lawyers' bills rules out ordinary people protecting their rights. But it is not acceptable that civil justice is for only the very rich or the very poor."

The White Paper contained few surprises not mentioned in a "funding assessment" sugtije Queen's Speech last week. Dut major changes were announced to encourage the use of "no win, no fee" cases, which will be extended to cover disputes over the division of matrimonial property.

The Law Society, however, said the conditional fee arrangements were inappro- on fixed-price contracts. vriate for such cases because they demanded a winner and a

Home Affairs Correspondent

The society also claimed plans to make conditional fees more attractive by allowing years to £793m last year. successful litigants to claim back their insurance premium White Paper, which Lord Irvine and lawyers' "success fee" from the loser, would not help those bringing personal injury

A society spokesman said: "Victims of car accidents who vided justice to the wealthy have suffered severe injuries in circumstances which are not to find a solicitorbecause solicitors will be gambling their money and time."

But Lord Irvine said the changes, which will begin to lect their rights. I know that fear come into effect in April, would help to reduce a "vast un-met legal need in Britain".

A new community legal service will be set up to give quality advice to those involved in disputes. People will be given

gesting alternatives to expensive court action, such as mediation. They will be advised on whether to approach solicitors for a conditional fee arrangement or to drop their case because it is too weak. The most needy cases will be allocated publicly funded lawyers

The changes will help to simplify a legal advice system which has grown to 6,000 staff

and 30,000 volunteers working for 2,000 agencies, which receive £150m in grants a year. The cost of civil and family aid has risen by 35 per cent in five

The criminal legal aid system, which cost the taxpayer £733m last year, will be replaced by the Criminal Defence Service. Defendants will be represented by quality-tested lawyers who are given fixedprice contracts by the CDS.

The new service will employ some salaried lawyers, but the clear-cut will find it very difficult Lord Chancellor said they would be there to provide a quality benchmark and were "a million miles" from a US-style public defender system. Heather Hallett, QC, chair-

man of the Bar Counsel, claimed the new arrangements would lead to too much state control. She said: "Lawyers may not be so fearless if they have the state on their shoulder and a financial disincentive against properly preparing their case.

The White Paper also pro-vides for a speeding up of the legal process. There will be only one appeal in civil cases, while criminal defendants will usually appear before magistrates within two days.

Magistrates courts will be allowed to employ private security firms to collect fines.

Leading article. Review, page 3 The Lord Chancellor and Lady Irvine at a ceremony at Glasgow University



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## 'Sun' takes a shine to the top legal toff

DERRY IRVINE, the Lord Chan- BY STEVE CRAWSHAW cellor, has long been in need of an image makeover. Yesterday he emerged transformed as the People's Hero: a Hello!style interview appeared on the day of the publication of the

White Paper on legal reform. The Sun gushed over the man who "aims to bring justice back to the people". There were soft-soap references to his affair with Donald Dewar's exwife Alison (now Lady Irvine).

Lord Irvine declared: "If a marriage breaks down with someone who is not at fault, you y unthinking person if you didn't feel a strong sense of guilt. Time is a great healer and Alison and I have had a very happy marriage." He first wife from his Who's Who entry: "My Who's Who entry

was six years after my divorce "The interview is the latest example of a strategy to rehabilitate what The Sun itself called "one of the most reviled men in government ... seen as

a blunt, arrogant toff". He seems likely to remain best known for sneering at DIY wallpaper when defending the fact that his own cost £60,000. or £300 a roll. The overall cost of refurbishing his apartments was £600,000, including £3.000 for a lavatory. For Lord Irvine this was "a noble cause".

He has an uncomfortable habit of seeming to insist he is less than enthusiastic about and he is a force for good."

bis views, including his call for the press to be muzzled on the relationship between Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary: and Gaynor Regan, now the new Mrs Cook. Lord Irvine was accused by officials of "stepping out of line" and was himself muzzled by the minders.

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Lord Irvine. Last month he got rid of his traditional tights. breeches, buckled shoes and wig. "The wig weighs an absolute ton." he complained, "it

is very uncomfortable. With yesterday's White Paper he hopes to re-emerge as Lord Statesman and Mr Accessible rolled into one. Judgexplained the absence of his ing by yesterday's interview, he might succeed. "Face to face, he lacks malice and appears more like a stern, prickly professor than a cold. callous. ruthless man," The Sun argued. "The problem is that be says what he thinks and be says it straight. And in these days of po-faced political correctness the baid truth is often unacceptable."

Lord Irvine and the spin-doctors hope he will be remembered not just as Lord Wallpaper but also for his reforms.

It still seems a daunting challenge, but stranger things have happened.

Perhaps he even deserves it. As an acquaintance said yesright even when everybody else terday: "He has little democdiffers. Certainly Downing ratic sensibility. But he really is Street bas sometimes been a liberal, as regards the law -

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Tobacco study: Female smokers are twice as likely as men to develop inoperable form of the disease

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# Women risk most deadly lung cancer

WOMEN SMOKERS are more likely than men to develop the most serious form of lung cancer, possibly because of the way they smoke cigarettes, according to new research.

The study by the British Thoracic Society (BTS) - the largest British investigation into lung cancer - found that nearly twice as many women as men under the age of 65 are diagnosed with small cell lung cancer, the most dangerous form of the disease.

Seven out of ten of these cases could not he helped by surgery and more than half will be dead within six months of their diagnosis.

The findings reinforced calls by the BTS, the UK's official body of respiratory specialists, for the Government to target teenage girls in its imminent White Paper on tobacco.

The study found that men were more likely to have nonsmall cell lung cancer, which is less damaging to the lung, and nearly half could be considered operable.

Dr Mike Pearson, chairman of the BTS Public Education By GLENDA COOPER Social Affairs Correspondent

might be more susceptible to small cell lung cancer.

"Our research suggests women have less resistance to the most dangerous kinds of lung cancer," he said. "This may be due to changing patterns of smoking behaviour many women took up the habit a decade after men, who smoked heavily during the

"Women may also smoke in a different way to men, for example taking shorter, sharper inhalations, which could bave an effect on the kind and severity of cancer that they develop."

Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) claimed that the

higher levels of small cell lung

cancer among female smokers

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halations" because they smoke lighter" cigarettes. There are probably several factors at work bere, but a major suspect is the greater use of 'light' cigarettes by women," said Clive Bates, director of

dose of nicotine, and 'low-tar' smokers draw smoke more deeply into the lungs to get the nicotine they need.

Dr Pearson said: "Smoking among teenage girls is on the increase. It is vitally important that young women know the greater risks they are running by smoking. We must prevent them becoming the lung cancer victims of the future." The Health minister, Tessa

Jowell, said yesterday that the Government wanted to tackle the increasing rate of smoking among teenage girls. "Ten years ago, one in five 15-yearold girls smoked. That figure is now one in three," she said. "Smoking is the single greatest cause of preventable death and there is no safe level at which people can smoke.

Dr Pearson urged the Government to act more quickly to han tobacco advertising and sponsorship amid signs it could take years for the ban to be implemented. "If you stop smoking, you halve your risk in five years. Waiting seven years, in our view, is longer than is necessary" he said. "It's vital young Committee, said there were ASH. "People adjust their women know the greater risks several reasons why women smoking to get a satisfying they're running by smoking."



Smoking has particular drawbacks for women, according to the largest British investigation into lung cancer

## Total ban on tobacco advertising by 2000

THE ADVERTISING ban on cig- By COLIN BROWN arettes is to be brought forward to the millennium as part of a comprehensive package of mea-

sures to curb smoking in Britain. The decision to bring forward the ban by at least a year will be announced next week in a government White Paper on smoking. Under an European Union directive, advertising of tobacco products on billboards g could have continued until 2001.

Chief Political Correspondent

paign to help smokers give up. Family doctors will be given powers to give nicotine gum and nicotine patches to those on low incomes at special clinics.

Nicotine gum and patches will not be put on general prescription, because of ministers' fears over costs. But it is likely that there will be limited moves to en-The Government is also ex- able those on low incomes - who

smokers - to get supplies at less towards treatment of smoking than the £6 a pack charged over the counter by chemists.

There will be no han on smoking in pubs, bars or restaurants, but more no-smoking areas will be encouraged. The Health and Safety at Work Act will be used to enforce no-smoking bans in the workplace, particularly in small offices, to protect workers

from health risks. The White Paper will mark a dramatic shift in attitude within the National Health Service

as an illness, similar to that of alcohol or drug addiction. Officials said an estimated seven out of ten smokers wanted to give up. if they could get help.

The Medicines Control Agency has also approved the lifting of the ban on selling nicotine gum in corner shops. Now, it can only be sold in pharmacists, but it is likely to be made more widely avail-

able in shops and possibly pubs.

Tessa Jowell, who refused to shops to meet its manifesto disclose details of the White without exemptions. Paper when she was challenged on BBC radio yesterday, is keen to avoid being accused of run-

steered clear of general bans on smoking in public places. Most of the action will be voluntary, and curbs on tobacco advertising will be enforced under EU directives. None of the measures will require primary legislation. The Government will seek to curb advertising in

commitment to impose a ban

There will also be action to limit the so-called "indirect ning a "nanny state" and has brand stretching" of tobacco products with marketing of fashion goods under the same name, such as Mariboro and Camel But there will be no change in the EU directive plans to ban tobacco sponsorship of sports by 2003 and world events, such as Formula One car racing by 2006.

Clive Bates, of the antismoking charity Ash, said: "If these reports are true, it will be the first serious broad-based attempt to reverse the toll of unnecessary illness and death since the scientists first warned

of the dangers in the Fifties." The Government will claim the moves put Britain at the leading edge of international efforts to reduce tobacco use. It will form part of a public health strategy to be outlined in a second White Paper next autumn.

### Lasers replace burns surgery

By GLENDA COOPER

NEW LASER technology can "map" the depth of hurn wounds, saving thousands of children from unnecessary surgery and scarring, the British Association of Plastic Surgeons (Baps: heard yesterday.

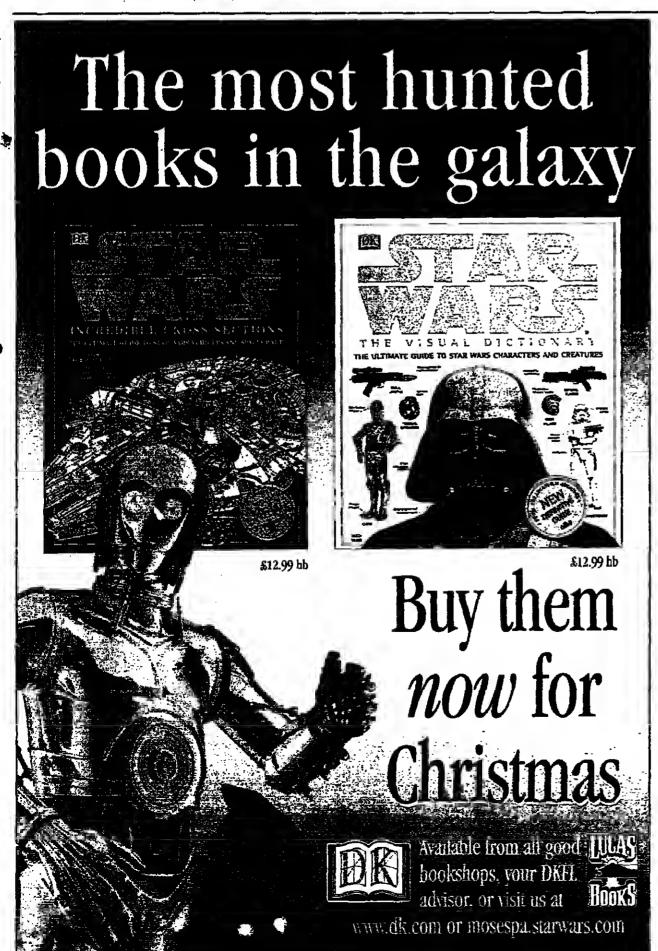
The technique employs a laser-scanning machine to produce a surgical map of the burn wound, providing rapid and accurate measurements of the wound depth by measuring blood flow. Both superficial and deep burns are easy for surgeons to distinguish, but intermediate "deep dermal" burns are not. Accurate assessment can ensure patients are either operated on quickly to reduce scarring, or are not operated on wben it is unnecessary.

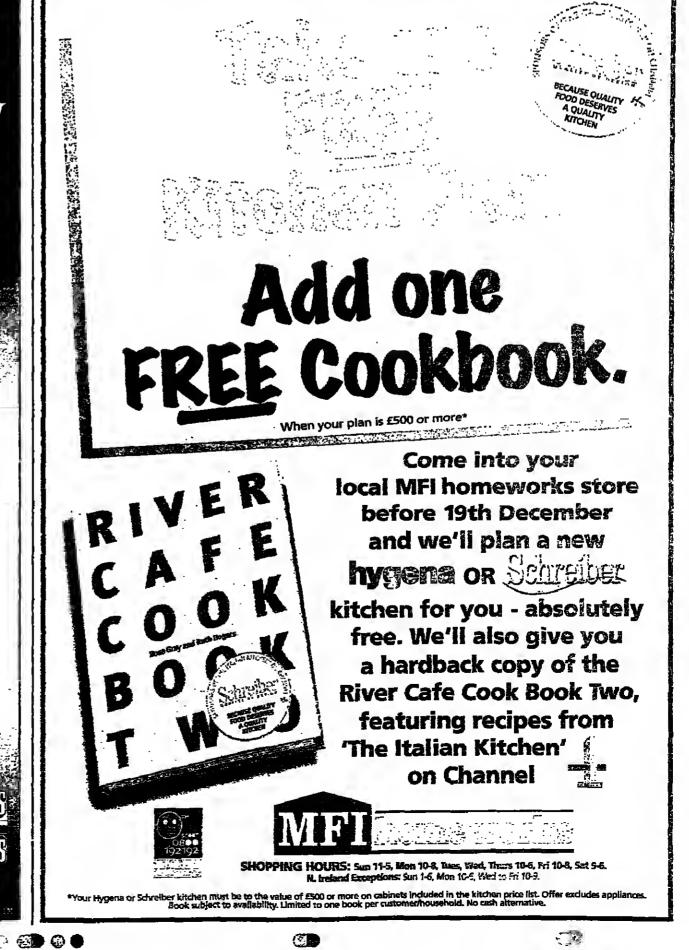
"The problem is estimating the middle group," said Anthony Roberts, consultant plastic surgeon at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, speaking at the Baps winter meeting. "Even after 25 years of experience I know I am going to get some wrong probably about 25 per cent."

The new machine shows up the level of blood flow 1mm to 1.5mm below the surface, Blood flow is bigh in areas of superficial burns and low in areas of major burns. "We can screen the wound very quickly and map it exactly," said Paul Banwell. Duke of Kent Research Fellow at Stoke Mandeville.

In a pilot group of 40, the doctors estimate that six children have so far been saved from unnecessary surgery. Every year, around 12,000 people are hurned severely enough to warrant bospital treatment, Half of these are children hut 90 per cent of them receive "deep dermal" hurns, compared with about 30 per cent of adult hurns.

There are just two machines, which cost £30,000, in the country at the moment one at Stoke Mandeville and one at Newcastle, but the surgeons said that they would like to see one in every specialist burns unit in the country. "This early work shows that it is a very valuable tool and we should like to see it used throughout the world." said Mr





# When dinosaurs trampled the highways Daily TV

covered vast swaths of rock Science Editor peppered with dinosaur footprints which are providing per square kilometres over them with rare insights into the creatures' behaviour.

Tracks over 100 million years old have been uncovered in at least 600 locations around ed and organised themselves into social groups.

Ichnology - the study of anrenaissance in dinosaur research, according to Martin Lockley, a palaeontologist from the University of Colorado at Denver. Writing in Nature, Dr Lockley says that an explosion in the discovery of fossil footprints is proving to be one of the most valuable sources of information about dinosaurs.

"As recently as 1962, only about 27 dinosaur footprint localities were known worldwide. Now the number is over 300 for the western USA alone."

There are at least three "dinosaur highways" in Amer-ica where the densities of tracks average about a million

areas ranging from 1,000 to 10,000 square kilometres.

Dinosaur footprints have been known about for centuries although they were not the world, providing details of recognised as such. A trackway bow the animals moved, hunt- in Germany is believed to have inspired the dragon slain by Siegfried in the medieval legend of the Nibelungs; a dicient tracks - has generated a nosaur footprint in Sussex gave Sir Arthur Conan Doyle the idea for The Lost World

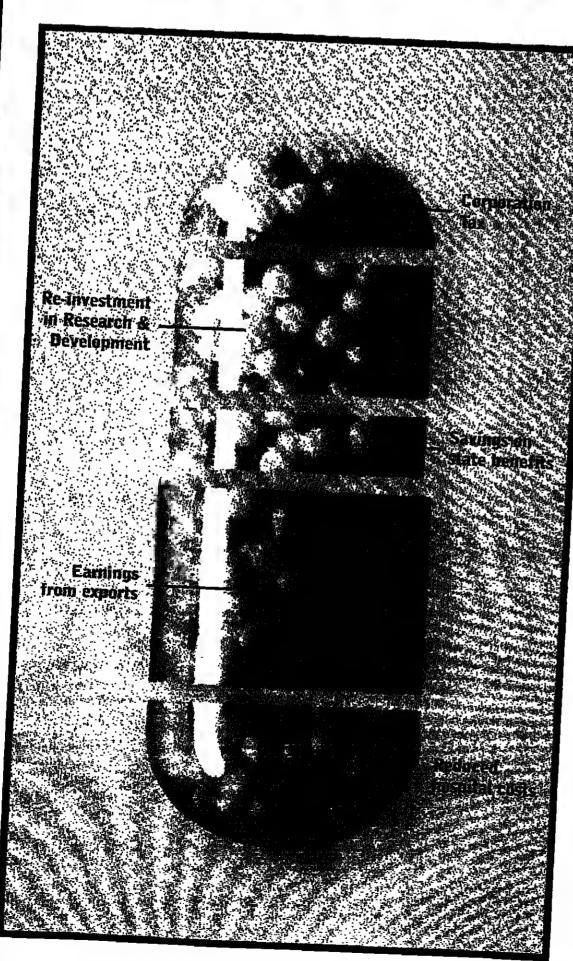
Dr Lockley says that dinosaur highways also show that young dinosaurs were far more common than the fossil skeleton records suggest. In one area of western America, the number of dinosaur tracks found in rocks dating back to Jurassic times is equivalent to the total number of dinosaurs in the world identified from fossilised skeletons, he says.

Measuring the distance between fossil footprints has enabled scientists to study the gait of dinosaurs and estimate



A Bristol University palaeontologist examining dinosaur footprints at Keats Quarry in Durset

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The benefit of the industry is also felt within the Treasury as pharmaceutical companies in Britain pay hundreds of millions of pounds in Corporation Tax each year.

But perhaps the industry is least known for its investment in education, funding half of all post-graduate training for GPs and supporting universities to the tune of £100 million a year.

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# warning to drink drivers

TOUGH TELEVISION commercials, showing reconstructions of fatal alcobol-related accidents, were unveiled yesterday, as the Government launched its annual Christmas crackdown on drink-driving.

The advertisements use realistic scenes of the aftermath of an accident, abowing bloodstained clothes lying on the road, wrecked cars and the sound of police messages talking of fatalities and drivers smelling of drink. The first of the series of 15 commercials was shown last night on ITV as part of a £2m national campaign, aimed particularly at male drivers aged 17 to 24.

The campaign comes as the Government is considering lowering the legal alcohol limit from 80mg per 100ml of blood to 50mg, a move supported by road-safety groups and by the medical profession. France, the Netberlands,

Belgium, Greece and Finland already have a 50mg limit. Legal levels in Portugal and Sweden are even lower.

A new approach has been taken this year to the traditional campaign over the Christmas period. Instead of using a single advertisement shown on many occasions, the Government has decided to confront viewers with a drink-drive message in a different form each time they see or bear it.

Lord Whitty, the minister for roads who was at yesterday's aunch, said: "The intention ... Ken Williams, said: "I would reis to remind the viewer that every day someone dies as a result of a drink-drive accident."

Previous Christmas campaigns aimed at drink-driving bave proved a success. Between 1979 and last year, the number of fatal casualties from or rider who was over the legal number of breath tests bas been administered in England and Wales, the proportion proving positive has gradually fallen from 20 per cent in 1989 to 12 per cent last year. Convicbons for alcobol-related driving offences are also falling.

John Reid, the Transport minister, said at yesterday's launch: "This campaign, now a feature of our calendar, remains a vital tool in our efforts to reduce the potentially awful consequences of drink-driving during the festive season.

BY CATHY COMERFORD

Christmas always presents a lot of opportunities for social drinking. There is one simple message - the only way to be certain that you will not kill someone is to never mix drinking and driving."

The Association of British Drivers says the government campaign should also warn of the dangers of driving the morning after an evening drinking session. In an attempt to tackle the

problem, police have warned motorists to expect to be breath-tested in the mornings as well as the evenings during the Christmas period.

The vice-chairman of the traffic committee of the Association of Chief Police Officers.

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mind drivers of the dangers of driving the morning after a major drinking bout. "Police will be looking for offenders 24 bours a day and not

just in the evenings. The family of three cyclists

who were killed by a drunken accidents involving one driver driver five days before Christmas last year is backing the limit fell from 1,643 to around launch of this year's drinkdrive campaign. Bryan Harrison, 38, his brother Alan, 33, and their

brother-in-law Don Smith, 49, were killed when they were hit by a Ford Mondeo car on the A193, near Seaton Sluice in Northumberland last year. The driver of the Ford Mondeo, Andrew Armstrong, 36, was

later jailed for seven years after admitting three charges of causing death by dangerous driving and one of driving with excess

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BY LOUISE JURY

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THE PARENTS of the mur- By RHYS WILLIAMS Lawrence will deliver this year's alternative Christmas message on Channel 4.

While the Queen speaks on BBC and ITV, Doreen and Neville Lawrence will reflect on a year that saw the conclusion of the public inquiry into the police investigation of their

son's death in 1993. Tim Gardam, director of programmes at Channel 4, said yesterday: "It was one of the

major, defining stories of the year. They are people no one Bardot and, in the guise of

would have heard of but for the way they have held themselves through all that has happened. It has given them a kind of

"They will address the case as well as reflecting on the year as a whole. Their dignity and bearing throughout has made them more than just

Past presenters of Channel 4's alternative message have included Quentin Crisp, Brigitte

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Diana, Princess of Wales, Rory

said that the "quite unexpected" price of £18,000 was the re-

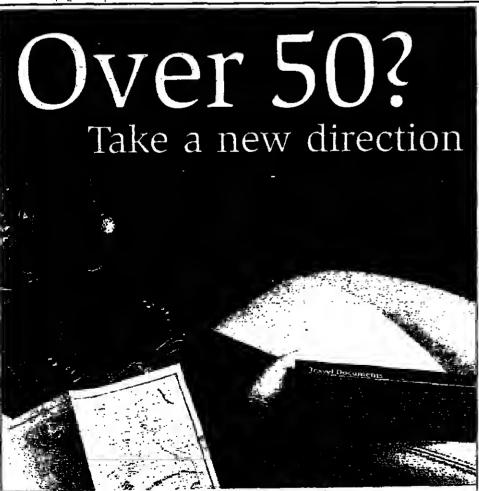
sult of fierce bidding between

two potential buyers.

Last year, Margaret Gibney, the Belfast schoolgirl who wrote to Tony Blair about her hopes for peace in Northern Ireland, spoke about the peace

Other Channel 4 Christmas highlights include a new 90minute version of Alice Through the Looking Glass, starring Kate Beckinsale; Raymond Briggs's animation The Bear, and the Welsh National Opera's production of Hansel

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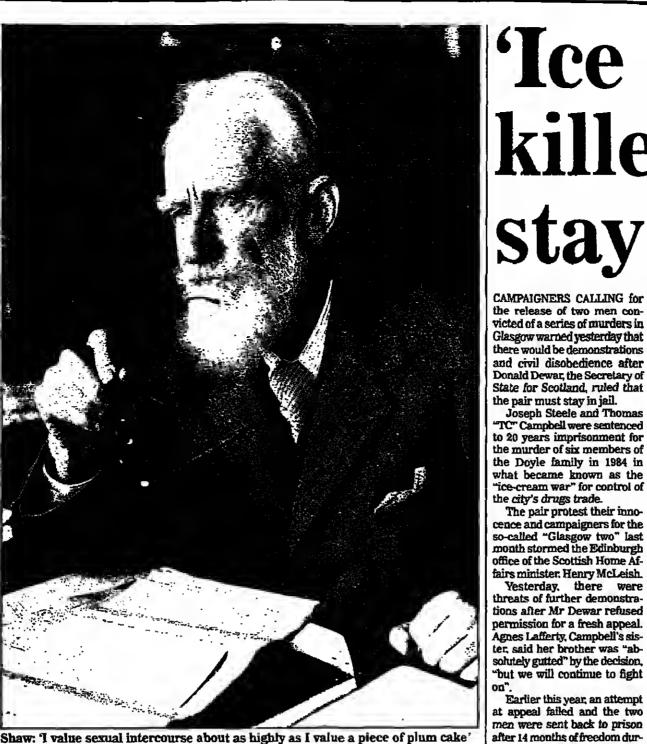
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## 'Ice cream' killers must stay in jail

CAMPAIGNERS CALLING for By STEPHEN GOODWIN the release of two men convicted of a series of murders in Glasgow warned yesterday that there would be demonstrations and civil disobedience after Donald Dewar, the Secretary of State for Scotland, ruled that

the pair must stay in jail. Joseph Steele and Thomas "TC" Campbell were sentenced to 20 years imprisonment for the murder of six members of the Doyle family in 1984 in what became known as the "ice-cream war" for control of the city's drugs trade.

The pair protest their innocence and campaigners for the so-called "Glasgow two" last month stormed the Edinburgh office of the Scottish Home Affairs minister. Henry McLeish.

Yesterday, there were threats of further demonstrations after Mr Dewar refused permission for a fresh appeal. Agnes Lafferty, Campbell's sister, said her brother was "absolutely gutted" by the decision, but we will continue to fight

Earlier this year, an attempt at appeal failed and the two men were sent back to prison

Scotland Correspondent

ing which Steele had married. But public interest in the case has remained high, fired by the 14-year legal battle and the gang-land background to the killings.

Twenty years ago, criminals realised that ice-cream vans could be a perfect front for drug dealing. Andrew Doyle, 18, was a van driver for the Marchetti brothers, in east Glasgow. Pushed out of two areas, the Marchettis tried to hold firm in their home patch of Garthamlock. Mr Doyle was threatened and shot. Then, on 16 April 1984 someone set fire to his tenement bome in the night. He and five other mem-

bers of his family died. After a trial at the High Court in Glasgow, Campbell and Steele were convicted of the murders and given life sentences. They have refused to apply for parole, believing that would amount to an admission of guilt.

The families had expected the two men home for Christmas but Mr Dewar judged that there were no fresh arguments to justify referring the case to the Court of Appeal

John Carroll, solicitor for the two men, said the next step was to take the case to the Criminal Cases Review Commission, when it is established next April to investigate alleged miscarriages of justice. He said he was "not surprised, but disappointed", by the decision. He is optimistic the commission will

recommend the case goes back

to the Court of Appeal In a bitter reaction. Jim Steele, Joseph Steele's brother, said campaigners would ensure Mr Dewar's "political demise" and were prepared to resort to civil disobedience: "Donald Dewar has acted in a very cowardly fashion. We are determined to intensify this campaign and direct it towards

Co-ordinator of the two men's campaign, Tommy Sheridan of the Scottish Socialist Party, said it was "a very, very sad day for justice in Scotland" and vowed that the high profile demonstrations would continue.

Mr Sheridan led last month's protest when 30 demonstrators occupied Mr McLeish's suite and unfurled banners proclaiming "Innocents imprisoned" from a balcony.



# This isn't football, it's war' say Turks

POLICE HELICOPTERS and some 22,000 troops and gendarmes greeted the Juventus football players as they arrived at Istanbul's Ali Sami Yen stadium yesterday for their Champions' League match with Galatasaray, Istanhul's top

Turkey has been in the grip of violent anti-Italian hysteria since Rome refused to band over the Kurdish guerrilla leader Abdullah Ocalan, leader of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), who is regarded by most Turks as a terrorist responsible for the death of at least 30,000 people.

Italian-made goods have been burnt in the streets and there bas been an unofficial boycott of trade with Italy. "This isn't football; it's war," said Serdar Gul, an Istanbul taxi-driver. It was a sentiment echoed all over the city.

The match was postponed for a week because of Juventus's fears for their safety in the fevered atmosphere.

The Ali Sami Yen stadium has a reputation in normal times as an intimidating cauldroo where visiting teams are greeted with banners announcing "Welcome to Hell". Galatasaray fans at Istanbul airport yesterday threw white lilies before the Juventus bus - a hospitable gesture - but the BY JUSTIN HUGGLER AND FRANCES KENNEDY in Rome

Italian players looked out apprehensively.

Juventus risked the wrath of Uefa by refusing to travel to Istanbul for the requisite overnight stay, and arrived only hours before the match.

They boarded their charter flight at Turin airport with long faces, despite a pep-talk from the coach, Marcello Lippi, urging them to put their wornes behind them and concentrate on the game. "One thing is for certain,"

Lippi said. "We are not going to end up like the turkey on Thanksgiving Day. I don't know whether we will be able to forget all that is going on around us but we will try to do the right

The Italian Football Federation president, Luciano Nizzola, said that he was "very impressed" with the security precautions Turkey had taken.

"We weren't expecting such a warm reception," be said from the team'a hotel on the Bosphorus. The managers of the Turin club have nevertheless supported the players' wish to remain in Turkey for as short a time as possible, just 13 hours, even though this means a hefty fine. The Juventus chairman, Vittorio Chiusano, said he would be pleased if the match helped ease the tension between Rome and Ankara. "If in the past there had been ping-pong diplomacy, now there will be football diplomacy," he

said optimistically.

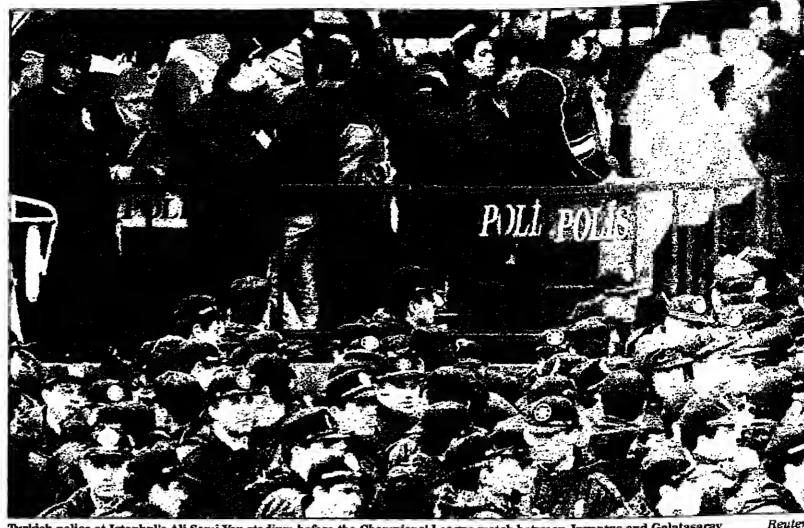
Galatasaray said it was expecting some Italian fans to attend the game. "We've taken every precaution, but there won't be a problem. Football isn't about politics," a spokesman said. At least one Turkish fan agreed. "There's no chance of any problems; the Turkish people are brothers of

"And anyway, it's impossible with this level of security," Aydin Burdek said.

The match coincided with the appointment of Bulent Ecevit as Turkey's new prime minister after his predecessor fell in a corruption scandal.

Mr Ecevit is likely to maintain Turkey's tough stance over Mr Ocalan.

As the Juventus squad arrived in Turkey the Italian parliament was about to begin a debate on the Ocalan case. Italy's Foreign Minister, Lamberto Dini, has confirmed that be will meet his Turkish counternart, Ismail Cem, next Tuesday during a Nato ministerial



Turkish police at Istanbul's Ali Sami Yen stadium before the Champions' League match between Juventus and Galatasaray

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## 'The Fugitive' case re-opened Serb arrested for war crimes

THE HIGHEST court in the BY MARY DEJEVSKY state of Ohio is allowing Sam Reese Sheppard to sue for the wrongful imprisonment of his father, Dr Sam Sheppard, in the latest instalment of the celebrated Fifties murder case. If he wins, the heir to the man whose story partly inspired the television series, The Fugitive, could win up to \$2m.

Sam Sheppard snr was imprisoned in 1954 for the murder of his wife, but always protested his innocence. The US Supreme Court overturned the guilty verdict 10 years later, in a landmark decision that cited

in Washington

the unfair effect of pretrial publicity Sheppard was formally acquitted in 1966, with a groundbreaking defense that belped make Sheppard's lawyer, F. Lee Bailey, famous. Sheppard died of liver disease in 1970, but his son has continued the battle to clear his name and now believes that the latest DNA techniques provide the proof. "We won our day in court," said Terry Gilbert, the

younger Sheppard's attorney.

"It's all we've been looking for

For the current lawsuit to succeed, Dr Sheppard would have to be found innocent, a more definite verdict than the 1966 acquittal required. During his lifetime, be insisted that a "bushy-haired" hurglar had beaten his wife to death at their bome on Lake Erie and had knocked him unconscious.

The suspect favoured by Sheppard's son is the couple's window-cleaner, Richard Eberling, who was later convicted of another murder. He died in

the last three years. Justice for prison earlier this year, but al-the Sheppard family may be in ways said he did not kill Mrs

The Ohio Supreme Court ruled that the lawsuit should proceed on the slenderest - 4-3 - majority, and state prosecutors may appeal to the US Supreme Court to stop the case going forward. They had argued that too much evidence had been lost since the earlier trials and too many key witnesses had died.

> The Assistant Prosecutor of Cuyahoga County, George Sadd, said of the ruling: "We're just terribly disappointed."



Krstic: Seized by Nato

NATO'S PEACE force in the for- BY MARCUS TANNER mer Yugoslavia arrested a Bosnian Serb general yesterday, in another sign that there will be no relaxation in the campaign to seize and try sus-

pected war criminals. General Radislav Krstic was seized in northern Bosnia and crimes who are still at large will soon be sent to the International War Crimes Trihunal in the Netherlands, Nato said. He is the highest-ranking military figure to be brought before the court since it was set up by the UN Security Council

The arrest is likely to anger

many Bosnian Serbs because Nato forces acted on a \*sealed indictment" - a secret list of war-crime suspects drawn up by the tribunal in The Hague. "Persons indicted for war

should realise that they, too, will be brought to justice," Nato's Secretary General, Javier Solana, said in Brussels. Louise Arbour, the tribunal's chief prosecutor, described Gen Krstic as "a very significant mil-

itary leader" and said the indictment related to his key role Scheveningen near The Hague.

in the assault on Srebrenica. The mainly Muslim town in eastern Bosnia was overrun by the Bosnian Serb army, led by Ratko Mladic in July 1995. Most of the adult male population was slaughtered and the

bodies dumped in mass graves. The tribunal has so far completed four cases. On Monday the trial began of Goran Jelisic. known as "Serbian Adolf" for his alleged atrocities against Muslims and Croats in Breko. in northern Bosnia.

Another 25 detainees are in custody in the tribunal's cells in

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## S French in court for bird hunting

BY JOHN LICHFIELD

THE EUROPEAN Commission decided yesterday to take France to the European Court for failing to protect migratory birds. It is prosecuting France on two counts of breaching a 1979 directive imposing Europe-wide restrictions on the hunting of birds which migrate across national boundaries.

It follows a decision by the French parliament to allow hunters to shoot duck, geese woodcock and snipe for an extra six weeks in summer and an extra month in spring The law, not yet implemented would allow French hunters to continue to shoot the protected birds during their autumn

and spring migrations.

Paris was already in trouble for failing to implement the directive properly. It was con-demned by the European Court of Justice in 1994.

On the second count, Paris is accused of failing to implement laws banning the shooting of four kinds of seabird regarded as endangered. EU countries can seek an exemption if the birds - three kinds of gull and one type of cormorant - can be proved to be a nuisance but France did not go through these procedures. If the French government is found guilty, it faces fines of up to £10,000 a day



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The European Court has moved to prosecute French hunters who shoot migratory birds

## Kofi Annan in Lockerbie trial mission

KOFI ANNAN, the UN Secretary-General, is expected to meet Muammar Gaddafi this weekend, amid mounting speculation that the Libyan leader is on the verge of handing over two suspects, wanted for the 1988 Lockerbie bombing.

Speaking in Algiers, Mr Annan said he was in contact with the Libyan Government. and "might go" to Libya when he ends a visit to Tunisia.

In fact it is assumed he will go - and, possibly, seal arrangements for Abdel Basset Megrahi and Lamen Khalifa Fhimah to face trial at a court in The Hague.

With the 10th anniversary of the destruction of PanAm's flight 103 just 18 days away, the Foreign Office is bending over backwards to avoid any im-

ression of a deadline. Only too aware of Mr Gaddafi's proven capacity for stalling, officials in London merely express encouragement at the "serious engagement" of the Libyans in seeking resolution of the issue.

Exactly what Mr Annan will do in Tripoli is unclear. If the end game is at hand,

BY RUPERT CORNWELL

firm that, once the suspects had been surrendered, the UN's sanctions against Libya would be lifted.

But during a phone conversation last week with Mr Annan, the Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, made it clear that there could be no negotiation.

The ball, Britain insists, is firmly in the Libyan court. The hope is, as one official put it, "that Annan's going there will be a peg for Gaddafi to make an

But the Libyan's intentions are as mysterious as ever. Years of total deadlock were broken in August when the US and Britain, fearful that UN sanctions aimed at isolating Libya were slowly dying by default, abandoned their long standing insistence that the two men's trial be held in Scotland or America

In return, Tripoli seemed to agree in principle to hand over the suspects.

Nonetheless, prevarication over the details had continued, before the waters were further muddled last week by

and imprisonment of three senior Libyan security officials, allegedly on the grounds of "dereliction of duty" over the bombing, in which 270 people

That step was interpreted in some quarters as a sign that the crucial breakthrough was at hand, and that by jailing three key witnesses who would otherwise have been called to testify in The Hague, the Libyans were seeking to make it hard. if not impossible, to convict

Megrahi and Fhimah. Other analysts however maintain that the three - one of them the brother-in-law of Mr Gaddafi himself ... are so senior that their belated "imprisonment", if such it is, may presage a definitive refusal to deliver the two men accused by the West of actually planting the suitcase bomb which hlew the PanAm Jumbo jet apart.

According to this theory, the Libyan president would argue that the individuals who had plotted the crime had been punished and justice done, so that no grounds any longer existed for a trial of the mere foot soldiers in Britain's worst ever Rex he would be expected to con-reports from Tripoli of the trial terrorist outrage.

## **Anti-semitic insult** destroys judges' union

A FRENCH magistrates' union yesterday passed an instant death sentence on itself following the publication of an anti-semitic slur in the union journal. Following an extraordinary sequence of events, the head of the union called for the dissolution of the 18-year-old or-

ticle in the magazine of the As-sociation Professionelle des union should be above suspicion. Magistrats (APM), criticising. Albert Lévy, a public prosecutor who has been suspended for allegedly leaking details ofsensitive investigations. The article said: "Lévy went back to the oven so many times that he ended up burning himself." Mr Levy is Jewish.

Possible legal and disciplinary actions have already been launched against the author of mendation that the organisa-

BY JOHN LICHFIELD

the article, a senior magistrate called Alain Terrail, 65, who is the chief public prosecutor in court, the Cour de Cassation.

Mr Terrail - a former presiganisation as a mark of contri- dent of the APM - denies any ecuted for his slighting use of The decision follows an ar-current president; Georges union should be above suspicion.

"The APM has signed its own death warrant and has been assassinated by a stroke of the pen," he said yesterday. "The facts are extremely serious. Even if it is unintention-

al, we have to accept the consequences of it ..." The national bureau of the union will meet next week to discuss Mr Fenech's recom-

tion should dissolve itself. The use of the word "four", or oven, in French carries highly-emotive connotations of the Holocaust, partly because the word has been used mockingly by the highest French appeal Jean-Marie Le Pen, president of the National Front, Mr Le Pen has been successfully pros-

> The furore surrounding the article has re-ignited the controversy that followed the arrest and prosecution of Mr Lévy, the deputy public prosecutor of Toulon, one of the five towns in

> France run by the NF. Mr Lévy is accused of leaking details of investigations of corruption in the town, involving both the NF and centreright parties.

> The decision to take legal action against Mr Lévy was widely interpreted as a political act.

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## Netanyahu brokers deal to stay in power

AFTER TORTUOUS negotiahons David Levy the former Israeli foreign minister, is poised to rejoin the government

seek the job of Infrastructure Mr Netanyahu hopes the return of Mr Levy, who has a small faction in parliament, will strengthen his government and "The Prime Minister knows

Critics in Mr Netanyahu's Likud and other coalition parties accuse Mr Levy of surrendering West Bank land that they helieve is essential to

eign minister at the beginning

BY PATRICK COCKBURN

tinians was moving too slowly. of Benjamin Netanyahu, the Since signing the peace ac-Israeli Prime Minister, but it is cord brokered in Wye, Maryunclear what job he will take in land, Mr Netanyahu has lost the government as the price of support on the far right and needs to buttress his coalition Mr Levy was expected to hy adding Mr Levy. There is little love lost between the two Minister, hut instead said he men, however, and for several opted for the Finance Ministry. years they refused to speak to

each other. An alternative for Mr Netanyahu is to form a national unity government with the allow him to avoid early elec- Labour party. But he would no alternative. Labour would my choice. I informed him of it.

I hope it will be settled this senior posts in the government as the price of its co-operation.

Although Mr Levy says he wants the Finance Ministry, currently held by Yaacov Neeman who is willing to resign, he might settle for the Infrastructure Ministry. Both have significant po-Mr Levy resigned as for- litical and financial patronage.

Mr Levy, 60, originally

Jews from the Middle East, and is a supporter of a generous social welfare programme.

■ Mr Netanyahu has accused the Palestinians of breaching their interim peace deal and urged President Bill Clinton to step in and stop them, Israeli of-

Mr Netanyahu's spokesman, David Bar-Illan, said the Israeli leader had written to the American president citing "four major areas of violations" of the

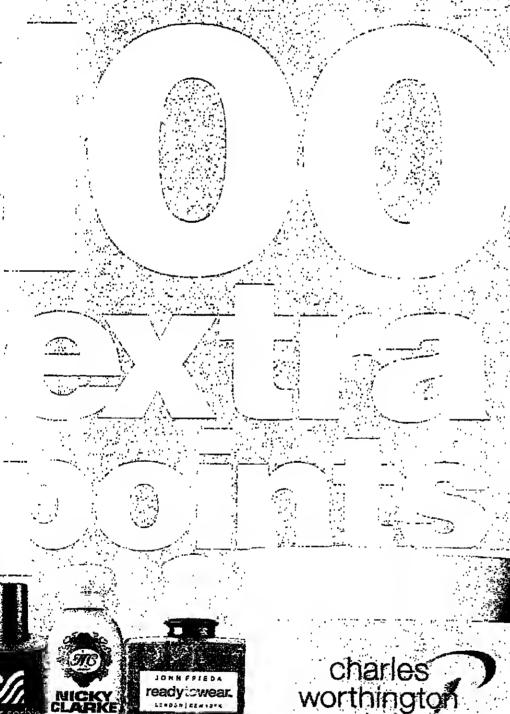
Israeli newspapers quoted sources in Washington as saytions. Mr Levy said last night: probably only do this if he had ing the US administration was worried that Mr Netanyahu was seeking excuses to halt implementation of the deal because of his coalition problems. On Monday, Palestinian officials said continued expansion of Jewish settlements on Israeli-occupied land in the West Bank and Gaza would destroy the peace process.

Mr Clinton is due to address the Palestine National Council in Gaza later this month.



A wounded Palestinian is assisted after Israeli soldiers fired rubber bullets during clashes on the West Bank yesterday. A demonstration by students for the release of Palestinian political prisoners became violent when a mob smashed an Israeli civilian's car Abbas Moumani







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## Hebrew clue to serial murders

A POOL of drying blood on the BY PATRICK COCKBURN pavement marks where Osama Musa Abu Aisha Natshe bled to death yesterday morning after he was repeatedly stabbed by a masked man police say may be a Jewish serial killer. It is the seventh knife attack on a lone Palestinian walking to work since the end of last year.

"A masked man suddenly jumped out from behind a hus and started stabbing him with a knife," said Abdel Raouf

"He started back towards home and shouted for his brothers. They came up, saw him soaked in blood, and called an ambulance." A knife with the Hebrew word for revenge writ-ten on it was reportedly found

near the body.

The attacks, all involving the use of a knife, started in late 1997 in Mea Shearim, the ultra-Orthodox district in the centre of Jerusalem.

In May a 52-year-old Palestinian construction worker was the first of those attacked to die after he was stabbed as he walked to work from a Palestinian neighbourhood in east Jerusalem down a street which borders Mea Shearim. Yair Yizhaki, the Jerusalem police commander, said his men were investigating links hetween yesterday's killing and previous attacks.

Mr Natshe, 41, died in much the same way as the last victim. His neighbours say he worked as a road cleaner for Jerusalem municipality and had six children. His house is below the level

of the main road, which cuts across the side of a steep hill in the Abu Tor district, which is divided between Palestinians and Israelis. In the early dawn Mr Natshe chimbed up the steps from his house on his way to work. He

was stabbed almost as soon as he reached street level Yesterday afternoon, as his funeral was taking place in al-Aqsa mosque, his family built a makeshift shrine to him out of cement hlocks, covering the blood stains with boughs from

a pine tree growing near by. A bloody towel and a table-cloth, with which somebody had tried to prevent Mr Natshe hleeding to death, hung on the railings beside the road.

the murdered man, said: in Abu Tor since the intifada [Palestinian uprising], hut the raelis or collaborators.

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line dividing the city, before the Israelis captured the whole of it in 1967, ran down the centre of the street where Natshe was

The murder has raised the political temperature in Jerusalem, where it has been rising in recent days because of Palestinian disappointment that Israel has not released Natshe, the dead man's cousin. more Palestinian prisoners.

At the end of Mr Natshe's funeral yesterday afternoon there was rioting in Salah al-Din street during which Israeli po-lice fired rubber hullets and tear-gas. At the top of the street a lorry which rioters believed was owned by an Israeli com-

pany was set ahlaze. There were also riots yesterday north of Jerusalem, near the Palestinian enclave of Ra-

The clash began when 150 students from Bir Zeit university belonging to Fatah, the or-ganisation of Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian Authority president, staged a march to demand the release of the 2,250 Palestinians held by Israel

At one point they attacked a car with Israeli plates driven by a man wearing a skullcap and with a soldier sitting in the passenger seat.

They hurled stones at the

car, smashing its windows and hitting the driver in the face. They then seized the M-16 rifle of the soldier and hit him over the head with stones until he ran away, hleeding. Eleven of the rioters were injured by rubber hullets fired later by Israeli soldiers.

Palestinians are incensed by the release of only 150 prisoners, most of whom are petty criminals, under the terms of the Wye accord now heing implemented.

Ahmed Tibi, an adviser to Mr Arafat, says 1,250 prisoners be-long to the Palestine Liberation Organisation, which is recognised by Israel as representing the Palestinians, and 1,000 to Islamic organisations.

Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, says that he will not release prisoners who "have blood on their hands".

Bassam Eid, head of the Idris Hassan, a neighbour of Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group, says only 300 "There has been little trouble of the Palestinian prisoners were convicted of killing Is-

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# Venezuelan coup leader 'to win poll'

HUGO CHAVEZ tried for Vene- BY PHIL DAVISON zuela's highest office once before. That was on 4 February 1992, when, as an army colonel, he launched a coup d'état against the elected government of President Carlos

The coup attempt failed, 78 people were killed and Colonel z was jailed. But he was paroled after two years and on Sunday he is likely to be elected as president of the South American nation in a democratic vote. It is a prospect that gives businessmen in Venezuela, not to mention investors around the world, the jitters.

Venezuela has the world's largest oil reserves outside the Middle East and a free market economy lauded by the Inrnational Monetary Fund Colonei Chavez, 44, says that has done nothing to ease the poverty endured by half the nation.

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He is promising a populist programme that has led his opponents to compare him with both the wartime Italian dictator Benito Mussolini and the Cuban leader, Fidel Castro.

Even his supporters call him "el comandante", the title preferred by Fidel Castro for the past four decades. Many illiterate Venezuelans even see



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Has rules of the second coming of Caristy Some of his opponents te it mas teen describe him as "nuts".

his country's foreign debt and to dissolve congress in order to if wishers draw up a constitution that he former comrade wins. says will be more beneficial to the poor As a result, the var, has been sliding as the wealthy have begun moving their money abroad, mostly to Art Charlettes United States. Estate agents in Florida have had a rush in sales and leases of apartments to Venezuelans ready to flee the retired colonel's regime.

Until recently, the election was billed as a battle between "the Beauty and the Beast". Col Chavez, a retired paratrooper, was considered the latter.

120,000,000 The beauty was a former 10 mm 1 1 mm Miss Universe, Irene Saez, a 36-year-old who was running ahead in the polls until the lings to the 1992 a summer. She had successfully ides avery perved as mayor of a better-off 2 . 41.1.2; 202 hunicipality in the capital, Caracas, but her high media profile belied a lack of grass roots support around the water we ard

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moves, notably putting herself forward as the candidate for the centre-right Christian Democrat party (known by its acronym Copei), diluted her popularity and Col Chavez surged to the front with a

predicted 50 per cent of votes. In a last-minute effort to keep him from power, both Copei and the country's other traditional big party, the centreleft Democratic Action, united behind a single candidate.

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Both are now pinning their hopes on Henrique Salas Romer, 62, the suave, Yaleeducated businessman and former economics professor best known for his successful tenure as governor of the state of Carabobo. He has pledged to halve the 1.3 million state workers whose salaries are seen as a drain on the budget and to implement a low-interest credit programme for small

In the latest polls, Mr Salas is trailing Col Chavez by 12 points, with a predicted 38 per cent of the vote. Ms Saez, who said she would run as an independent after being pushed aside by Copei, looks like receiving only a single-figure

Reacting to the name of Col Chavez's coalition, the Patriotic Pole, his opponents have billed themselves the Democratic Pole but Ms Saez said the new name merely polarises the nation further. "We are all democratic and we are all patriotic," she said at a campaign rally in Caracas. "We are all one

Well aware that his best chance is to scare voters away from his main opponent, Mr Salas upped the aute yesterday when he labelled Col Chavez "a monster, a coward and a potential dictator".

His comments not only heated up the campaign but Among his plans: to declare poured fuel on rumours that th Appendicat a temporary moratorium on armed forces, fearing a Castrostyle populist regime, might launch a coup d'état if their

The man Col Chavez tried to overthrow in 1992, the then Venezuelan currency, the boli- President Perez, this week warned of a "violent rupture of the constitutional order" if Col Chavez wins.

> "We have to admit we're within sight of a possible coup d'état," he said. As it turned out, it was not

> Col Chavez who overthrew Mr Perez - widely known in Venezuela as "Cap" from his initials - but corruption charges. The former president was jailed in 1993 until recently. The man elected to succeed Mr Perez - current President Rafael Caldera - pardoned Col Chavez in 1994 after he had spent two years in jail for his coup attempt.

"Go ahead, call me a coup leader," Col Chavez yelled at a recent campaign rally. "Raise your hands if you think the coup was justified." The thousands present did so. His support shows disillusionment with the

Partisans face war-crime charges

IN BRIEF

FINLAND IS considering bringing war crimes charges against former Soviet partisans for killing Finnish civilians during the Second World War, the state prosecutor, Christer Lundstrom, said. New investigations centre on Soviet attacks on Finnish villages in which 100 to 300 died.

Rembrandt painting 'a fake'

A PAINTING that has hung for years in the Hague's Maurit-Shuis museum, Self-portrait with Gorget, by the Dutch master Rembrandt, was declared a copy yesterday. Experts questioned the authenticity as there is a near-identical version in Nuremburg, Germany.

Synagogue to become shops

JOHANNESBURG'S MAIN synagogue may soon become a shopping centre after being put up for sale. The Great Synagogue, once the home of the country's Chief Rabbi, has been closed to worship for some time, owing to white emigration from the centre of the South African city.

Pope welcomes Cuban Christmas

THE VATICAN voiced pleasure that Cuba has decided to make Christmas a permanent holiday. Fidel Castro's government granted a Christmas holiday last year as a favour to the Pape, who visited in January. But this week the ruling Communist Party re-established the custom of a Christmas holiday, which was abolished in 1969.

Thief made to eat whole bird dies

A THIEF who stole a chicken in the central African state of Cameroon died after an enraged mob forced him to eat the entire bird, including feathers, bones and beak. The man went to a police station where he collapsed and died.

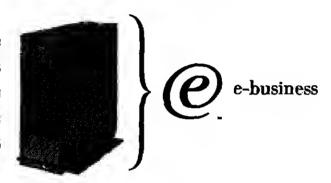


Former coup leader Hugo Chavez whose populous appeal is expected to swing Venezuelan presidential elections on Sunday AP/Jose Coruci

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## Chauffeur 'was Anwar's sex slave'

IN THE most riveting testimony to date in the dramatic trial in Knala Lumpur of the jailed politician Anwar Ibrahim, his wife's former driver testified yesterday that he had been Mr Anwar's "homosexual slave".

Azizan Abu Bakar told the court that everything he said in a sworn statement made on 5 August 1997 - when Anwar was

read from the statement. "In the name of Allah... I have become a victim of homosexual acts by his wife looked on solemnly." Anwar Ibrahim, who now holds the position of deputy prime minister," he read to a stunned courtroom, "This heinous act was committed several times in 1992 against my will. It regularly took place in luxury hotels. without the knowledge of the public and his wife."

Mr Azizan was the driver for Mr Anwar's wife, Azizah Ismail, from 1989 to 1992. He is now a sales executive in a trading company. "I had on several occasions tried to resist." Mr Azizan continued. "His chronic behaviour caused me great

By alvin Ung

guilt finally overcame me whenever I had to gaze on Azizah, who had such high moral character. Finally, I made the decision to stop from becoming a homosexual slave to this man, Anwar Ibrahim, whom I regard as an animal."

Sodomy is a crime in this still deputy prime minister and finance minister - was true. predominantly Muslim country. Mr Anwar showed oo reac-Mr Azizan, 38, was asked to tioo during the graphic testi-

> He faces four counts of abuse of office, and will face trial later for one more charge of corruption and five counts of illegal sexual acts. He denies the charges, calling them part of a high-level conspiracy. The Prime Minister, Ma-

hathir Mohamad, fired Mr Anwar on 2 September, saying he had conducted his own investigation and had determined Mr Anwar was morally unfit for

Earlier, witnesses for the prosecution - high-level police and intelligence officers - tes-tified that Mr Anwar abused his

power by forcing police to get a retraction from Mr Azizan Although Mr Anwar secured a retraction, which was forwarded to Mr Mahathir, Mr Az-

Earlier in the day, the court proceedings came to a temporary halt when the judge, Augustine Paul, turned his attention to a second defence lawver who accused prosecutors of fabricating evidence against Mr Anwar.

izan testified yesterday that he stood by his original statement.

Manjeet Singh Dhillon, charged with contempt of court, represents Mr Anwar's former tennis partner, Nallakaruppan Solaimalai. Nalla, as he is called, is charged with possession of ammunition, which carries a death sentence. On Monday, a warrant was

issued by the court for Mr Manjeet Singh after he wrote a letter accusing prosecutors of trying to force Nalla into a plea bargain by giving false evidence against Mr Anwar about alleged sexual trysts. Mr Manjeet Singh quickly apologised yesterday. Mr Paul accepted the apology and resumed the trial. now in its fourth week. (AP)



Anwar Ibrahim leaving court, after it was alleged that he had 'enslaved' his wife's driver

## China hints at harsh dealing with dissident leader

the dissident community.

Mr Xu, 55, is a veteran of the

China 1978-79 Democracy Wall

movement, which marks the

brief era when public criticism

However, the spirit of toler-

ance was limited and Mr Xu spent a decade in jail for his per-

ticipation. He now chairs cells

of the new party in Peking and

of the regime was tolerated.

CHINA'S ROUND-UP of dissi- BY STEPHEN VINES dents this week, including Xu Wen li, one of the most famous opposition figures still living in the country, has come within less than a month of its much publicised decision to sign a United Nations convention on

civil and political rights. In a letter signed by 191 pro-democracy campaigners, supporters of nine dissidents detained this week accused the authorities of "hypocrisy" for holding members of the Chinese Democratic Party. which has been trying to ment, China is not yet subject opposition political party suggest

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register itself as a legal organisation. The UN International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which China signed, guarantees freedom of assembly and speech. The subsequent arrests of 11 Democratic Party leaders - two were quickly released - suggests that the authorities are not prepared to fulfil its requirements. Although there was much fanfare about the signing of the docu-

to the international monitoring a new mood of defiance among stipulated in the UN convention. The arrests prompted two student leaders of the 1989 Tianammen Square democracy

movement to begin a 48-hour hunger strike yesterday. They are demanding the release of Mr Xu and two other party leaders, Qin Yongmin and Wang Youcai. Seventeen other activists said they would join an organised fast. The tactic of hunger strikes was

the nearby city of Tianjin. Yesterday, the government widely used during the 1989 indicated that it intended to deal protests. Its revival and the attempts to seek recognition for a harshly with him. A Foreign Ministry statement said he was

"suspected of activities which have harmed national security and his acts have violated relevant criminal codes of the People's Republic of China". The death penalty can be invoked for

breaches of national security.

The ministry also took strong exception to criticism of the arrests by the United States. "This is an internal matter and other nations should not interfere," it said. James Rubin, the US State Department spokesman had described Mr Xu's arrest as as a "serious step in the wrong di-

rection". He said the dissident was "peacefully exercising fundamental freedoms guaranteed by international human rights instruments".

Yesterday came the first acknowledgement by the Chinese authorities that the arrests had been made. The government appears to be taking the threat posed by this party seriously. Although small in number, the party seems to have members throughout the country and an organisational ability which was thought to have been largely destroyed by the 1989 crackdown. nist Party.

In an interview published in Hong Kong on Tuesday, Li Peng, the former premier held largely responsible for the post-Tiananmen Square purge, said China had no need of

Western-style democracy. Mr Li is now the chairman of the National People's Con-gress. In a clear reference to the Democratic Party, he said the authorities would not tolerate the existence of an organisation advocating the creation of a multi-party system and undermining the Commu-

### N Korea 'set for missile

BY RICHARD LLOYD PARKY

THREE MONTHS after causing consternation throughout Asia by launching a rocket over Japan, North Korea is on the verge of test-firing another longrange ballistic missile, according

to Japanese reports. Officials quoted in yesterday's Yomiuri Shimbun said North Korea has been transferring what are believed to be missile components from storage to a launch site. The observations were reportedly made by American satellites. The paper said similar movements were detected in summer, before the launching of the North Korean rocket over northern Japan. Pyongyang said it was to put a satellite into orbit but suspicions remain that it was a new missile. able to hit targets throughout Japan and even in Alaska.

Japan only learnt about the first missile from the US military after it landed in the Pacific Japan's Defence Agency lates-said it intended launching its own spy satellites as an independent safeguard against similar in-cursions. The report, which was oot independently confirmed. may have much to do with the need of the Japanese defence establishment to maintain public concern aboot the North Korean threat. Since the incident there have been signs of a hardening of attitudes towards North president of the former dissident Kim Dae Jung, South Korea has adopted a "sunshine policy" towards its fraternal enemy. But in Washington and Tokyo there is a sense of exasperation at

North Korea is cited as the main justification for the 100,000 US servicemen stationed in Asia. North Korea is frequently accused by the US of selling missile technology to other "rogue" states, including Iran, Syria and Pakistan. Yesterday the Yomiuri said "observers from the Middle East" were suspected of having entered North Korea for the rocket launch. It quoted Japanese officials as saying North. Korea may notify Tokyo in a vance, but that there is little hope the launch will be postponed.



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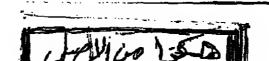
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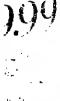














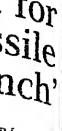












Pakistani army bandsmen attending the flag ceremony with India at the Wagah border station near Labore

## Bullets and bugles 'over-the-fence'

approaching when the ratio of approaching when the ratio of uniforms per square hundred metres increases rapidly. On the outskirts of Lahore there are only occasional checkposts manned by uninterested looking paramilitaries. Soon, although the milestones show the border is 10 miles away, combat-suited soldiers appear at everdecreasing intervals among the

tall trees lining the road. between India and Pakistan. Beyond the trees the broad fields of the Punjab stretch away in the late afternoon haze. il It is a vision that recalls all the Western cliches about the Oribullocks sway along the lerge, driven by thin, old men in ragged, stained linen dhotis; women walk along the banks of irrigation channels with terracotta pots on their heads. Wagah, the border station.

looks incongruous in the wide, .... flat landscape. Beyond a - scruffy bus stop and the bungalow offices of the customs uniforms. in men, a broad road runs for 250 metres towards a green-and-: white painted gate, a large red arch - and then India. At 5pm the red sun, swollen
by the pollution above the dis-

... tant city of Lahore, was setting.

### **FRONTLINE**

Throughout the huge unbroken sky, small clouds were picked out in pink. It was time for one of the most extraordinary, but somehow saddening, rituals of the sub-continent - the flag ceremony at the only open point on the 1,800-mile border

For 50-odd years - barring the occasional war - soldiers of the two countries have ceremonially raised and then lowered their respective flags at dawn and at dusk. Twice a day, like two neighbours in an over-the-fence feud, they glare at each other over their gates before taking part in a bizarre ritual resembling an It's a Knock-Out competition, in which points are awarded to the faster marchers, loudest shouters and most flambovant

On all but the latter count the Pakistanis appear to be winning - much to the enjoyment of the hundred or so onlookers, all men, who had driven out from Lahore to watch the show. Every yelled

command was greeted by

shouts and every stamped foot with cheers and applause. We are here to feel strong about Pakistan," said Mansoor Ahmed, a 30-year-old shopkeeper, who was crushed against me in the crowd. His face glowed with nationalist pride. "Can you not feel the spirit?" he asked. Mr Ahmed's

> the people in front. The uniforms grew more extravagant as the ceremony sed First, policemen in khaki shirts and ill-fitting black trousers shepherded us into pens with their hamboo staves. But soon the regular army soldiers took over. They wore peagreen shirts and olive trousers and arrived in an eggshellblue jeep giving them a pleasantly co-ordinated pastel look which their sub-machine guns

friends obviously felt it - they

shouted so hard they spat on

did nothing to spoil. They gave way to magnificent looking men from the Punjab Rangers, fabulously decked out in pressed black shakour-

kameez (the traditional Pakiser suits), thick red sashes, striped neck scarves, and gold domed hats wrapped in black cloth sprouting into foot-high fans.

But, despite close competition from a troop of bagpipers with white tunics, scarlet plaid capes and gold epaulettes, the Indian buglers won with their combination of khaki fatigues, white puttees and fantastic red and gold-crested cans.

istani and Indian citizens. The two great nations, separated at birth when they gained their independence from the British in 1947, have a tradition of enmity that can seem neurotic to outsiders. They have fought three wars and held dozens of rounds of talks aimed at improving relations. The most recent ended earlier this month with absolutely no progress. A bundred or so miles north of Wagah, in Kashmir, Indian and Pakistani troops routinely lob sbells at each other and at any villagers who get in the way.

On the Siachen glacier, at altitudes of over 7.300m, soldiers are fighting, and dying. A proposed bus link between Delhi in India and Labore in Pakistan

has been held up by bureaucratic tussies; trade between the neighbours is minuscule.

After the ceremony, we found a small group of south Asian peaceniks drinking tea. They were delegates from the "India-Pakistan People's Forum for Peace and Democracy", a group of well-meaning intellectuals who gather every year or so to discuss ways of bringing the two countries closer The border is closed to Paktogether. This year the con-

ference was in the western Pakistani city of Peshawar "There is so much commonality between us," said Ratti Bartholomew, a theatre director from Delhi, "Not on a government level but on a person-toperson level. Ordinary people don't feel any real enmity. It is just at a state-to-state level that things go wrong." We laughed over bow well

the two nations' troops had coordinated the timing of their flag-striking and bugle-blowing. "It is so ironic," Mrs Bartholomew said. "After more than 50 years of independence the only thing we seem to be able to co-operate on is when to blow the 'Last Post'."

## A Hindu zealots raid Muslim sacred shrine

HINDU NATIONALISTS are BY PETER POPHAM threatening to re-enact the events of six years ago when a mosque in the north-Indian state of Uttar Pradesh was demolished by a Hindu mob.

Today, at a shrine in the south-western state of Karnataka, near the town of Chikmagalur, the same forces are expected to attempt a re-run of the events which provoked a communal bloodbath in which bundreds died.

Six years ago on Sunday, Hindu nationalists tore down the Babri Masjid mosque in Ayodhya. It stood, they claimed, on the ruins of a Hindu temple marking the birthplace of the

Hindu god Ram. The site where the second action is threatened, known as Baba Budan Giri, is a religious hill town 170 miles from the state capital of Bangalore.

Baba Budan Giri is revered by Hindus and Muslims. It contains a Muslim shrine to the 18th-century mystic Sufi saint, Baba Budan, and a Hindu boly cave of Saint Datthathreya is located next to it.

Hindu leaders said they were not opposed to worship by Muslims at what they saw as their shrine but only sought to draw attention to alleged acts of sacrilege near the holy cave.

"We are only against the desecration of our shrine and are not against worship by both communities side by side," said

Chilomagalu

JS Subba Rao of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad, one of the Hindu groups involved.

About 4,000 Hindus are taking part in processions from different parts of the state to culminate in Baba Budan Giri. Today is the birthday of Saint Datthathreya and five "roth yatras", or Hindu processions, will converge on the shrine with the goal, according to organisers, of "liberating it from Muslim control".

In anticipation of trouble, 22 platoons of police reserves have been dispatched to the site, barricades bave been throwo up to limit the number of people who can approach the shrine at one time to 15, and closed-circuit television bas

been installed. The site was peaceful yesterday, with only a handful of Hindu activists chanting slo-

The authorities are, however, braced for violence today.

When Ayodhya's mosque was demolished, the man heading the yatra which sparked the action was a Hindu nationalist named Lal Krishna Advani. Today, Mr Advani is Minister for Home Affairs in the nationalist BJP party-led government.

Since be and bis party gained office eight months ago. the plans to build a vast Hindu temple at Ayodhya have been finalised, and work on the elaborately carved stones is now far advanced. The organisers insist that building will go ahead whether the Supreme Court now considering the controversy - gives them permission

Today the Ayodhya site is like a war zone, with massed watchtowers and barricades and throngs of soldiers. The Karnataka authorities are deeply alarmed that the Chikmagalur shrine could go the same way.

But a Hindu spokesman said: "Our aim is not to have any confrontation. We recognise it as a place of both Sufi and Hindu saints, and want that it should be a fine example of how two communities can co-exist."

Fine words; but the sort of co-existence envisaged at Ayodhya has one community firmly beneath the other's beel.

#### Lesbian film forced off screens

A LOW-BUDGET art movie which dares to broach the subject of lesbian love - a topic so taboo that there is no word for it in any Indian language - has been forced off the screens in cinemas across Bombay.

Dozens of supporters of Shiv

BY PETER POPHAM

yesterday, surrounding the managers and demanding that Fire in Bombay be pulled.

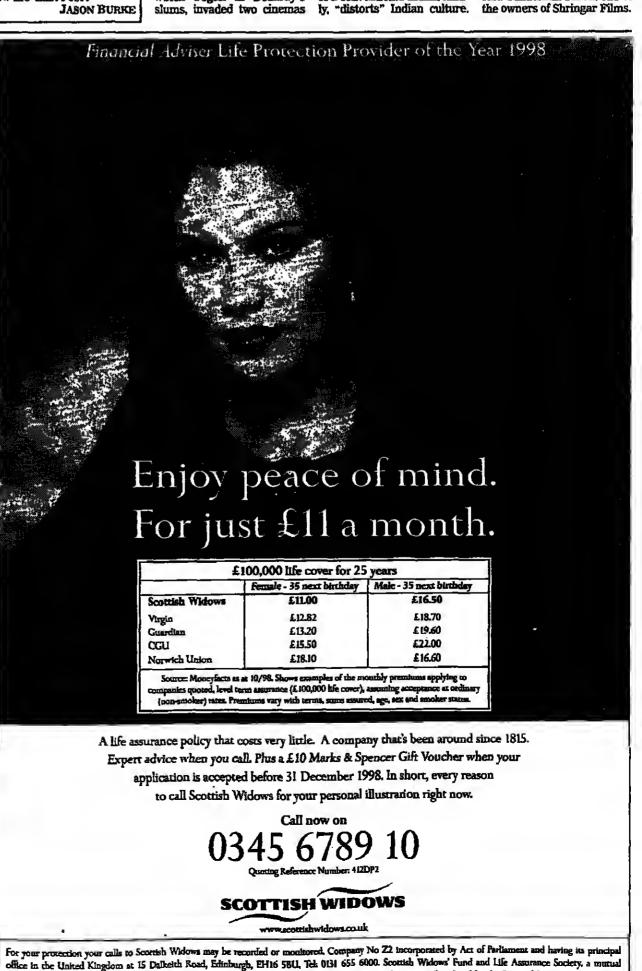
The protesters claimed that the film, which depicts how a lesbian relationship flowers Sena, the right-wing party amid the lies and repressions which began in Bombay's of a conventional Indian fami-

The film's distributor, Shringar Films, suspended screenings citing concern for audience safety.

Shiv Sena, implicated in brutal attacks on Muslims in the past, are well-known for their violent tactics. "We will wait and watch,"

said Balkrishna Shroff, one of





company, is a member of Scottish Widows' marketing group, and is a specialist in life assurance and pensions. Regulated by the Personal Investment Authority.

## BUSINESS

#### **BRIEFING**

#### **G7** ministers to meet in February

FINANCE MINISTERS and central bankers from the Group of Seven leading industrial countries will meet in Bonn on 20 February, it was announced yesterday.

Reform of the international financial system in the wake of the crises of the past 12 months will be high on the agenda. German officials are drawing up proposals that build on the G7 announcement in October of a new line of credit for countries in danger of teetering into crisis. Other reforms are also likely, including the strengthening of the International Monetary Fund's "interim" or management

#### **BCCI** depositors fly in



BCCI went bast in 1991 (pictured) have flown in to London for today's annual meeting of the BCCI Depositors' Protection Association

They will meet at the offices of Deloitte & Tonche, the UK-hased liquidators, while the bank's co-liquidators from the Cayman Islands and Luxembourg will also be present. BCCI's operations in more than 60 countries were closed by regulators after years of fraud, which left creditors nursing losses of over \$10hn. The liquidators have paid back 46 per cent to creditors so far, and today's meeting will discuss the possibility of further payouts.

#### Deutsche Bank's £360m buy

FOLLOWING ITS \$10hn takeover of Bankers Trust on Monday. Germany's Deutsche Bank yesterday bought Credit Lyonnais Belgium for Dm1hn (£360m).

The bank is Belgium's sixth largest bank. Credit Lyonnais, which was the subject of one of the higgest government hail-outs of recent history, is being forced by the European Commission to divest its non-French activities. Deutsche already has sizeable retail operations in both Italy and Spain and is on the hunt for suitable quarry in France.

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Arcadia, the retailer that includes Burton, Principles and Top Shop, blames a downturn in consumer spending for its profit warning Tom Craig

## High street jitters as Christmas looks bleak

BRITAIN'S HIGH street retailers By NIGEL COPE looked set for an increasingly nervous Christmas yesterday after a string of downbeat announcements pointed to weakening consumer spending.

Arcadia, the clothing retailer that includes Burton Menswear, Principles and Top Shop, led the way with a shock profits warning which knocked 26 per cent from the company's share price. Separately, Allied Carpets

said its already weak sales had patterns were unpredictable. Hornby, the model railway

and Scalextric group, also issued a profits warning and said ner-Christmas demand.

The catalogue of woe sent retail stocks tumbling. While Ar**Associate City Editor** 

rival retailers such as Deben-Stores also suffered sharp share

Arcadia said its sales in the first half of its financial year had fallen short of expectations and that the outlook for the rest of the period was not as encouraging as previously anticipated. It blamed a "sharp downturn" fallen further and that trading in consumer spending and an exceptional level of competition which had led to an increase in discounting.

Consequently, in the first 13 vous retailers were holding back weeks of Arcadia's first half, ing market as a "bloodbath". on orders due to fears of poor group sales were up by just 0.4 per cent while sales densities

were down by 1.8 per cent. cadia shares fell 75.5p to 212.5p, gered City analysts who such as New Look.

claimed the company had said trading was in line only six

"It will take a while for them bams, Next, Sears and Oasis to re-build their credibility after this," one analyst said. Brokers were forced to cut profit forecasts sharply, with BT Alex Brown and HSBC James Capel reducing their full-year expectations to £60m from £90m and

> £80m respectively. Arcadia's warning follows a string of grim statements from Britain's retailers as the fear of recession gathers pace.

Marks & Spencer announced a 23 per cent fall in profits last month and described the cloth-Since then there has also been bad news from Storehouse. which owns Bhs and Mother-The Arcadia warning an- care, and other fashion groups

John Hoerner, Arcadia's chief executive, said: "You never on suppliers. know for sure how Christmas The problem has been exagselling is going to come, and dif-

rent trend of the start of the season, it certainly isn't good news." Mr Hoerner added that the downturn had not only hit its high street chains but also its bome-shopping joint venture with Littlewoods, mail-order brands Hawkshead and Racing Green, and catalogues linked to

ferent patterns have occurred in

recent years, but with the cur-

trains and Scalextric group, reported a sharp fall in first-half profits from £973,000 to £425,000.

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Peter Newey, Hornby's chairthink there is going to be a re- interest.

cession. That has had an impact

gerated by retailers keeping a tight control on stock and delaying regular christmas orders. In an effort to control costs. Hornby will be moving almost all of its model railway production to China next year. Allied Carpets said underly-

ing sales in the first 22 weeks were down by 8.2 per cent compared to the 7.5 per cent fall announced just five weeks ago. The details were included in

a circular sent to shareholders Meanwhile Hornby. the relating to the sale of its Carpetland stores to the rival Carhas been the subject of bid man, said: "A lot of consumers and Alchemy Partners, the ven-

World Bank predicts

### Greene King may join bid battle for Marston

BY NIGEL COPE

GREENE KING, the Suffolk brewer best known for its Abbott Ale, is considering entering the bid battle for Marston, Thompson & Evershed, the regional brewer fighting a £262m hostile hid from Wolverhampton & Dudley.

Greene King, which reported a 7 per cent increase in first-half profits yesterday, could emerge as a "White Knight" after Marston's emergency general meeting on 9 December where shareholders will vote on the planned £137.5m securitisation / of its tenanted pub estate.

Greene King's chief executive Tim Bridge would not be drawn on the subject yesterday: "We're fully aware of what is going on. Beyond that I can't comment."

But it is understood that Greene King's management is conscious that adding Marston's predominantly Midlands estate to its own southern-dominated portfolio would increase the geographic coverage of hoth groups more than a Wolves deal. Marston said that it is "open to strategic opportunities" and the company has impressed the City with the integration of the Magic Pub Company group. acquired in 1996.

The possibility of a bid hattie emerged as Marstons raised the stakes in its hid defence hy offering more cash to shareholders. It said shareholders will receive £110m via a share ouvhack, up from the £60m previously announced.

The buy-back, which is equivalent to 110p per share. will be funded from the £137.5m to be received from the sale of its tenanted puh estate. The cash is conditional on the securitisation going through. Marston plans to use the remainder of the proceeds to invest in developing its managed estate, which includes the trendy Pitcher & Piano bars.

The raising of the buy-back was criticised by Wolves, which accused Marstons of an inpetright group. Allied Carpets | consistent strategy". The Wolves offer is pitched at 280p speculation with Carpetright | per share. Yesterday Marston shares closed 0.5p higher at are very nervous, and retailers ture capital group, expressing | 297p. Wolves shares closed 2p

## Marley rescued by £364m Belgian bid

group facing a £283m hreak-up bid, looked set to be rescued yesterday when Etex, a Belgian rival, launched a £364.8m cash bid for the company.

Marley recommended that shareholders accept the 1250-ashare offer, which represents a 60 per cent premium to its share price a week ago, as Etex went into the market to huy a 20 per cent stake in the company.

David Trapnell, chief executive of Marley, yesterday insisted Etex had approached Marley about the deal "weeks before" the hostile bid last week from John Mansfield, the small timber merchant being used as a takeover vehicle.

We have known this group (Etex) for a long time and there has been a close link over the years. We have been talking and in the last few weeks we have taken that talk a stage forward," Mr Trapnell said.

MARLEY, the building materials BY ANDREW VERITY

Mr Trapnell said Etex had assured him it would keep the group intact for the time

Mr Trapnell and Chris Beenham, the finance director and the only other executive director, will leave after staying "a few months" to oversee the integration with Etex.

Etex is a privately-owned huilding materials group, roughly twice the size of Marley, with a turnover of 74.8 Belgian francs (£1.4bn).

Specialising in plastics, roofing and flooring, it has operations in Europe and Latin America, including a joint venture with Marley in Brazil.

Its offer came just six days after the hostile paper hid by John Mansfield Group, a takeover vehicle beaded by Stuart Wallis, the former chairman of Fisons, and backed by

the financiers Brian Myerson and Julian Treger.

John Mansfield said yesterday it was "considering its options". But sources familiar with the company said it was unlikely to make a higher hid.

Phillips & Drew fund management, which holds a 14.9 per cent stake in Marley, encouraged the break-up bid after meeting Mr Trapnell in September to discuss the compa ny's strategic review.

The fund manager was said to be "very disappointed" when Marley came out with no firm plan of action after years of poor performance.

It agreed to underwrite £1.5m of John Mansfield's costs and is now sitting on a profit of around £20m as a result of the takeover

The Etex offer caused Marley's share price to jump 17.5p yesterday to 123p, up from 78p

#### recession next year THERE IS a "substantial risk" BY DIANE COYLE

that the world will plunge into recession next year, according to a gloomy new forecast from the World Bank

The sister organisation to the International Monetary Fund warns that sharp stockmarket falls in the US and Europe, or a continuing pause in international capital flows, could bring global growth to a halt in 1999.

Even taking a more optimistic outlook, the developing countries face their worst growth prospects since the third world debt crisis nearly 20 years ago, it says. Controversially, the new re-

port also recommends that some developing countries should restrict or tax "hot money" capital flows to safeguard against future crises.

Joseph Stiglitz, the World Bank's chief economist, concludes that the recent crises reveal fundamental weaknesses

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"When a single car has an accident on a bend in the highway, one might infer something about the driver or his car. But when, at the same bend, there are accidents day in and day out, the presumption changes there is probably something

The bank welcomes the recent US interest rate cuts and Japanese fiscal package hut calls for further measures to avert a deep global slump. The risk of a worsening recession in Japan and slower growth in the US and Europe if share prices suffer a sharp correction make prospects for 1999 precarious, the report warns.

It forecasts that global growth will nearly halve from 3.2 per cent in 1997 to 1.8 per cent risk of repeat crises.

in 1999, and puts a high probability on zero growth next year. The crisis-ridden Asian economies are likely to have seen an 8 per cent drop in GDP this year, with no growth in prospect next year.

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Developing countries will be hit hardest. Brazil. Indonesia, Russia and other countries, accounting for a quarter of world demand, have suffered a decline in GDP per head this year.

wrong with the road," he writes. The report argues for an expansion in demand, a better social safety net, and injections of public funds for banking reform in the crisis countries. It estimates that the cost will amount to 20 to 30 per cent of their GDP "Continuing financial support from the international community is vital," it says.

The report comes out in favour of restrictions on the more volatile short-term capital flows in future to reduce the

#### AROUND THE WORLD'S MARKETS

#### LONDON

THE STOCK MARKET closed lower yesterday, with sentiment dominated by profit warnings and weakness on Wall Street. The FTSE-100 ended 30.3 points lower at 5507.2, its lowest point of the day on heavy turnover of over 1 billion stocks.

The hlue-chip index lacked direction for most of the day hut beaded firmly downwards in early afternoon after the Dow opened with a three-digit loss. The FTSE-250 ended 17.0 lower at 4804.4 and the small cap 2.7 worse off at 2036.8.

#### NEW YORK

PROFIT WARNINGS from Boeing and Sears, Roebuck seut the Dow Joves plummeting down through the 9,000 barrier, amid fears that economic growth would slow in the new year. "Stocks have had a tremendous run, so investors are looking for any bad news as an excuse to sell," said one analyst.

Internet stocks fell after the Wall Street Journal suggested some companies might be overvalued. The Dow Jones had fallen to 8,975 by early afternoon, a 1.75 per ceot drop from the Market report, page 25 | previous day's close.

#### TOKYO

THE NIKKET tested the 15,000 barrier yesterday, closing at 14,986, a I per cent gain on the day. In thin trading, shares recovered from early falls, as bopes that politicians might suspend sales taxes persisted.

Electronics companies led the way after US computer shares rallied on Wall Street overnight. Hitachi and Toshiba each rose 3 per cent. "Some of the optimism about hi-tech profits is spilling over into the market. Investors have been staying away hecause of economic gloom in Asia," said one dealer.

#### HONG KONG

AN OVERNIGHT rise on Wall Street brought calm to anxious Asian markets yesterday, with the Hang Seng Index ending up nearly 1 per cent at 10,055, after being up over 2 per cent earlier in the day. The surge was led by property stocks, as a report announcing a rise in apartment sales was published.

Dealers said market sentiment was very cautious, with investors still unsure if Wall Street can stabilise. "Traders are waiting for a chance to bargain-hunt at lower levels" said one analyst.

#### FRANKFURT

GERMAN SHARES slumped yesterday in line with other European exchanges, with BMW and Deutsche Bank leading the way. The DAX Index finished the day down 1.4 per cent at 4.712.

BMW dropped 4 per cent after it was announced that Rover's chief executive Walter Hasselkus would be sacked, and that a further £2bn would be invested in the lossmaking Rover group. Deutsche Bank, which announced the DM1hn acquisition of Credit Lyonnais' Belgian operation on Tuesday, fell 4 per cent.

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# New master, but Rover's still a dog

ROVER'S LATEST BOSS vacated ng m the driving seat yesterday sprinkling Latin quotations and jokes in his wake. As a valedictory performance it was a great deal more dignified and touching than when ttle fo Harold Musgrove was shown the door by Sir Graham Day back in

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In those days Rover answered to a different name, of course, but it was still a bit of a dog even then. Over the years the business has had many masters and many incarnations - BMC, British Leyland, BL, Austin Rover With every change of owner comes a cosmetic facelift but the root problem is never tackled.

Since BMW snatched hold of the lead five years ago it has invested the thick end of £2.5bn, only to be repaid with mounting losses. For the last three years, it has been hiding behind the excuse of an appreciating pound to explain Rover's stubborn refusal to come to heel and begin to turn a profit.

But now the gloves are off and



OUTLOOK

hridge close, the unions have agreed to 2,500 job losses, an effective pay freeze and the end of overtime payments. The new Mini has been secured

for Longbridge without government aid but if the plant wants to have a long-term future and build the replacement for the Rover 200-400 series, then the taxpayer will bave to fork out at least £200m all the same. Even then, the BMW chairman, Bernd Pischetsrieder, the choke chain is on. Faced with doubts whether Rover can close the the prospect of watching Long- 30 per cent productivity gap with

BMW's plants in Germany unless ponent spend abroad.

Clearly this is not the sort of environment that appealed to Dr Walter Hasselkus, the urbane and rather charming outgoing Rover chairman. In his place, BMW has appointed Professor Werner Samann, who used to run the group's engines and chassis business. A professor he may be, but the word is that the new Rover chairrougher end of the car business.

Still, he has an uphill task, even after inheriting a dowry of cost savings worth £150m a year. Mr Pischetsrieder talks enthusiastically about Rover making a 7 per cent return on sales one day but with exchange rates still against it, just break-even point looks a distant

Rover's new professor probably has two years to produce results. If he fails, then next time it will surely be Mr Pischetsrieder's neck on the chopping block.

it switches yet more of its £4bn com- Regional brewers

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EVERYONE ELSE is busy consolidating, so why not the regional brewers too? That's what Wolverhampton & Dudley thinks anyway. The trouble is that its Midlands rival, Marston, Thompson & Evershed, doesn't want to play ball. This £260m takeover battle moved up a er stripped of its tenanted estate gear yesterday with news that Marston is promising shareholders man has been schooled at the an increase in the payback from 60p to 101p a share should they reject the

> Marston is able to do this because it is securitising its tenanted estate, a disposal which will realise some £137.3m. David Thompson of Wolverhampton & Dudley has in turn made his offer conditional on shareholders rejecting this proposal, since a part of the rationale for the bid is gaining access to Marston's tenanted estate. In other words, he's threatening to withdraw his bid if shareholders back Marston's securitisation plan. Whether be will go through with

this threat remains to be seen; the

condition can be waived. But is this a risk shareholders want to take? Next Wednesday, they assemble in Burton woon Trent to vote on the issue, so it's make your mind up time.

The argument is a finely balanced one. Marston hints obscurely that there might be other bidders in the wings - Green King for instance-for whom a cash rich brewcould be attractive. If there is to be a wide ranging consolidation among regional brewers, it might pay to see who else comes out of the woodwork,

the argument goes. It would plainly make sense from everyone's point of view to delay the securitisation vote so that the bid can be fought on its merits and to allow for the possibility of higher offers, either from Wolverhampton and others. Unfortunately, Marston claims, this cannot be done since to abandon or lengthen the underwriting of the securitisation would be exceptionally costly and there would be no guarantee of getting such favourable terms again.

Even so, Marston's may have

done its shareholders no service by making a stand on this issue, for if the company loses, it will be as if the management's defence has already been rejected. Wolverhampton & Dudley will as a consequence be that much more reluctant to raise its bid. So it's a tough call. In the end, however, shareholders would be wise to reject their management's proposals. There is likely to be more value realised by allowing the bid process to run its course than by obstructing it at this early stage.

#### Internet/Dixons

SIR STANLEY KALMS, chairman of Dixons, must find it hard to believe his luck. Everybody else in retailing is warning of a dire Christmas, and as consumer spending slows, their share prices are bombing. Not so Dixons, whose stock hit a new all time high yesterday - up 2.4 per cent to 758p. The reason for this is nothing to do high street sales. Dixons may be having a better Christmas than many, but it still won't be able warm glow while it lasts.

to call it a bountiful one. Rather it is to do with the American craze for internet stocks, of which Dixons is now judged to be one. Goldman Sachs held a conference call with Dixons for American investors yesterday, and they apparently liked what they heard about the company's new internet service provider, Freeserve, so much that

In the US, internet stocks have sky rocketed, even though few of these companies make any money. Sir Stanley has always run his business on the basis that be buys to sell and in the process he makes a turn. That you can create value out of a business which was set up originally as a loss leading promotional tool must come as something of a surprise.

they bought the shares.

The bet with internet stocks is that those who establish a powerful brand on the net will eventually reap rich rewards both from the exposure it gives and the opportunities it provides for e-commerce. Whether that bet comes home is anyone's guess but Sir Stanley is entitled to enjoy its

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## £137.5m secura nanted pub estar Europe and new mobile phones company rates.

with the mega THE GOVERNMENT'S plan to BY PETER THAL LARSEN Auction the next generation of mobile phone licences next both continents. Mobile phone in Name of Summer is facing serious delays, following a bitter row about the tant to take part in the Governtechnology to be used in the

phones. The dispute is threatening to aren't going to commit to bidding wreck the Government's plans to make Britain the first country in the world to introduce the new mobile phones, which will in it. In the able to show live videos and hoping to invite bidders early access the Internet at high speeds. It also means the Treanut to wait longer han expected for the estimatremainer to ed £1.5bn the assetion is likely to

The row, which is threatening to turn into a fully-fledged trade war between the US and Europe, centres on rival technological standards that have been



Sven-Christer Nilsson, chief executive of Ericsson

developed for the phones. The first, called W-CDMA and produced by Ericsson, has been adopted by the European adopted by the European Telecommunications Standards Institute, the industry body.

is was a sign However, Qualcomm, the aggressive US manufacturer, p. 5. 4 - 2. 3522 claims it owns the intellectual property on which W-CDMA is based. Qualcomm is promoting a rival standard, called A Party of Mary Angelia 180° 180° 2.48° CDMA2000, which it argues is 416-1228 further advanced.

The outcome of the debate will decide whether the US and Europe will adopt incompatible standards or whether the phones will be able to work in

operators in the UK are relucment's auction until the row is cleared up. "It's clear that we until we fully understand what the standards are," one operator said yesterday.

The Government had been next year before holding the auction in May or June. But that timetable now looks optimistic.

Yesterday Dr Pekka Tarjanne, secretary-general of the tions Union, the global industry body which has the final say on standards, said a compromise could be thrashed out by the end of March.

"I'am optimistic we can see convergence towards one global standard. Some understanding has been shown of the need to have a framework," he said.

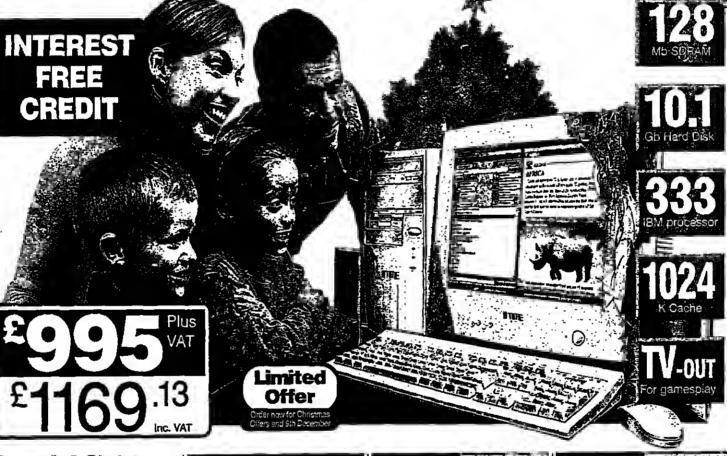
However be was contradicted by Sven-Christer Nilsson. chief executive of Ericsson, who said: "I don't think we will see a full convergence of standards. But we will see a way of existing together and permitting both standards."

This puts Ericsson on a collision course with Qualcomm, which will only release its patents if a single, compatible standard is agreed. "We will only licence for a converged standard," said Bill Bold, Qualcomm's vice-president in

charge of government affairs. Ericsson claims its technology does not infringe Qualcomm's patents, and is planning to bring the matter to the courts in April next year.

Meanwhile, the issue is in danger of spilling over into a trade row between the US and Europe. Charlene Barshefsky, the US trade representative, warned earlier this year that she would invoke the World Trade Organisation if European manufacturers appeared to be protecting their markets by adopting different standards.

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## Hold tight for tough year, warns MEPC

JAMES TUCKEY, chairman of BY SIMON DUKE MEPC, Britain's third largest property company, yesterday warned that 1999 is going to be a tough year for the economy and the property market.

Announcing a 2 per cent dip in full-year pre-tax profit before exceptional items to £142m, Mr Tuckey said: "MEPC can take advantage of any correction in the property market, due to our strong balance sheet and clear idea of where we want to put our money. As long as institutional investors sit on the sidelines, there will be buying opportunities for MEPC."

gentler at the second MEPC, whose disposal of its US and Australian operations over the last 12 months resulted in £400m being returned to

shareholders, is now focusing on offices in central and west London and the retail sector.

Mr Tuckey predicted that recent consolidations within the banking sector would hit property values in the City. "I am glad we don't have any letting expo-

sure in the City," he added. The figures were broadly in line with expectations, and the share price rose 1 per cent to 404p per share, a significant discount to the net asset value of 549p. One analyst explained that this discrepancy was common to the sector, but that "takeover bids always push the share price towards net asset

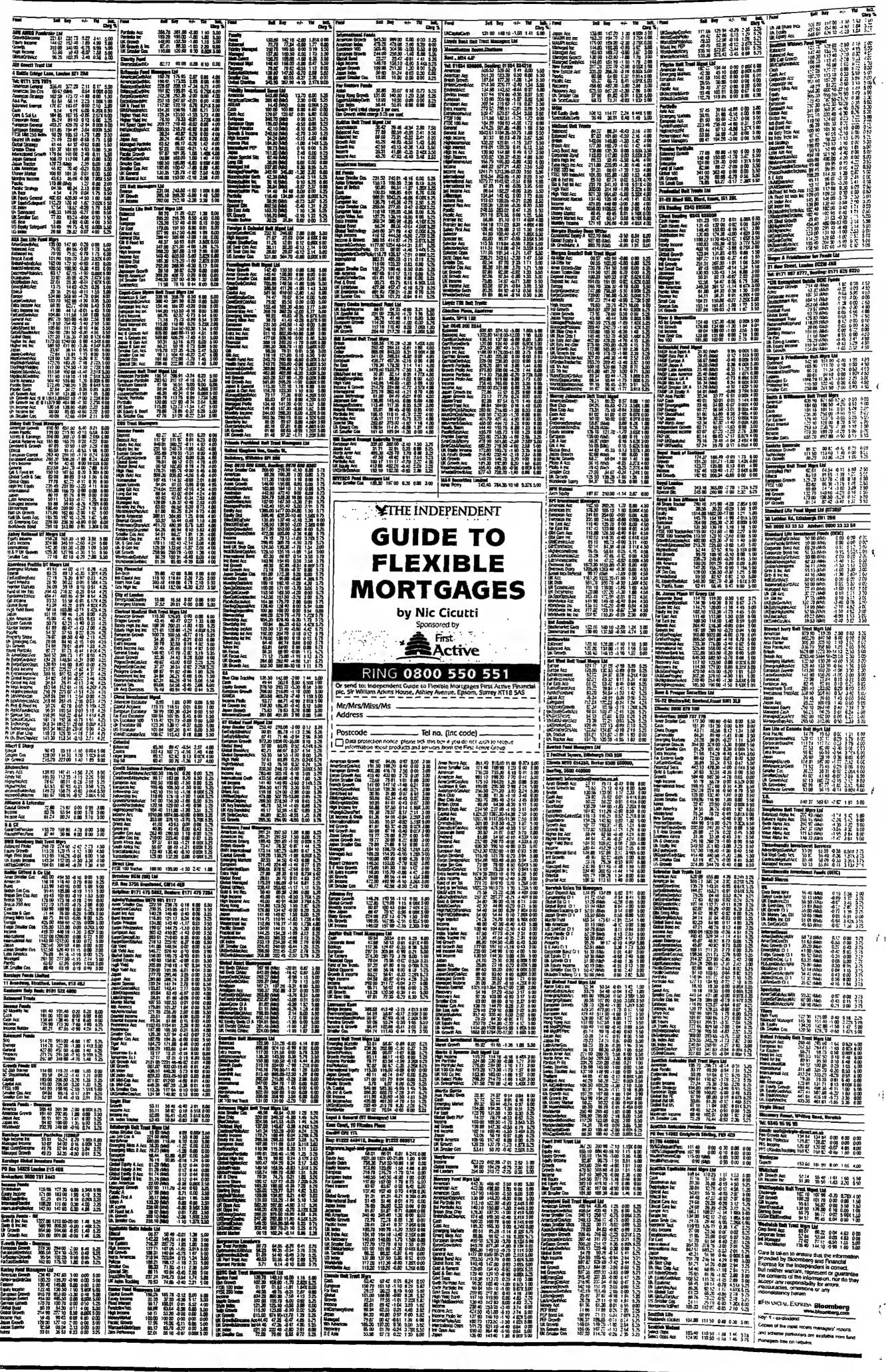
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## Asian flu kills off 48,000 jobs at Boeing

THE PUGET SOUND, a stretch of By Michael Harrison water that cuts inland from the north-west Pacific coast of the United States, is Boeing country. From Everett in the north, on through Boeing Fields and downtown Seattle, to Renton at the southern tip of the Puget, the familiar logo of the world's biggest aircraft manufacturer dominates the landscape.

Sure, Seattle has other housebold names and other big emolovers - Microsoft and Starbucks, the coffee people, come to mind. But when Boeing neezes, the Puget shakes. Yesterday, it was still reverberating from Boeing'e stunning announcement that it intends to shed 48,000 employees - a fifth of its workforce - over the next two years and cut back produc-

Boeing has caught a bad dose of the Asian flu and its workforce is paying the price for the collapse in air travel and hence demand for passenger jets in the Pacific Rim. But the effects will be felt not just in Puget Sound. Boeing is a big spender in the UK as well, where it buys £1.4bnworth of supplies a year from 200 component firms including Rolls-Royce, British Aerospace, EC Marconi and Smiths Industries. Across Europe, some

90,000 direct and indirect jobs are said to depend on Boeing orders. Half of those job cuts were already in the pipeline. Nevertheless, the scale of the additional reductions, coupled with a warning that profits would be \$500m lower next year than forecast, caught the aerospace industry and Wall Street on the hop.

Production of Boeing's entire model range, with the exception of the new 100-seater 717, will be cut back. Output of the 747 Jumbo jet, Boeing's biggest profit earner, will fall from 3.5 a month now to two in 1999 and just one a month the year after.

Production of the New Generation 737, the workhorse of most airline fleets, is also being trimmed back by more than 10 per cent, while the 757 and 767 lines will slow down.

The Asian downturn has not to work through." yet materialised in cancelled, delayed or deferred orders. In fact Boeing has lost just three orders in the region so far - and that followed the collapse of Phillipines Airlines. Worldwide deliveries this year are on target to reach 550 and are forecast to increase to 620 next year. Boeing expects to deliver all 84 aircraft on order from Asian airlines in 1999.

But beyond that, the market falls off a cliff. Harry Stonecipher, Boeing's chief operating officer. said yesterday: "Options are not being exercised and there is zero market growth. It is not a pretty picture, nor is it improving. We think this situation will on workers at the rate of 1,000 a take between two and five years

Not everyone in the aviation industry is convinced by Boeing's explanation. Over the last decade, the workforce at Seattle has gone up and down like a fiddler's elbow - more because of Boeing's inability to match production capacity to customer demand than because of any collapse in the market.

The last hig jobs cull took

place in the early 1990s when the workforce was trimmed by 20 per cent. But just as Seattle was recovering from that, Boeing unveiled a hugely ambitious programme to double production and, until last year, it was taking

month. Then Boeing hit the huffers in late 1997 when it had to cut back production of the New Generation 737 because of acute bottlenecks on its assembly lines. The resulting financial mayhem and penalty payments to air-

lines drove the company into its first loss in five decades. A rival aerospace executive said: "When I heard the news from Seattle I could not believe

crisis for its troubles but the reality is that it has been too

HOW THE AIRLINE MARKET IS FORECAST TO GROW OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS

Value of aircraft deliveries

Doug McVitie, managing director of the Arran Aerospace aviation consultancy, agrees: Tm not sure all of this can go down to the situation in Asia. They overstretched themselves and left very little margin for

Boeing's problems are compounded by the fact that it is losing market share to its European rival Airbus Industrie, in which British Aerospace has a 20 per cent stake. This year the Toulouse-based consortium has scooped half the market for new orders, which explains its air of confidence and rapidly growing production lines. Airbus has increased production by 25 per cent this year to 230 aircraft and expects to raise output to 290 aircraft in 1999 and 320 the following year Overall, Airbus forecasts that the world's airlines will require 13,600 new aircraft of 70

seats or more over the next 20

years, worth a total of \$1,200bn. The Asian market is important. It accounts for 20 per cent of world airline traffic and is forecast to grow at a faster rate than any other part of the world except for China in the next 20 years.

But Adam Brown, vice-president of forecasting and strategic planning at Airbus, thinks the impact of the Asian crisis has been overdone. He estimates

that the areas of Asia that are in decline represent only 7 per cent of the world airline market. "If air travel in all these areas were to come to a complete standstill for a year, total world air traffic would show hardly any decline at all. Also, despite the severe short-term problems facing the Asian airlines, the fundamentals underlying the region's

Capacity growth

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long-term economic growth remain unchanged." It will be some months before Boeing's UK suppliers feel the full backdraft from the cutbacks in Seattle. Meanwhile, at least there is the consultation of knowing that Boeing's loss is Airbus Industrie's gain,

great potential for sustained

### **Bonuses** safe, **Deutsche** tells staff

By Andrew Garfield Financial Editor

STAFF AT the City offices of BT Alex Brown have been told that their 1998 bonuses will not be affected by the \$10hn takeover by Germany's Deutsche Bank and will paid out as planned in

In an internal e-mail to staff, following the merger deal announced on Monday, Frank Newman, the Bankers Trust chairman, said: "Until the merger closes in the coming months BT will continue to operate independently and bonuses and promotions for 1998 will continue to be approved in our normal process and announced as planned in

Deutsche's chief executive. Rolf Breuer, said on Monday that 5,500 jobs would go as a result of the merger, with most of the cuts falling in London and New York

The top three members of the integration committee, Yves de Balman, Michael Philipp, and Edson Mitchell, met Bankers staff in London yesterday for a series of meetings at which they promised to have the outlines of the new management structure in place early in the New Year.

"Meritocracy will he the driving force behind the merger," Mr de Balman told staff yesterday.

Yesterday's assurances have been met with a certain amount of scepticism by BT Alex.Brown staff.

"How can they decide what bonuses to pay before they have decided who will stay and who will go?" said one BT Alex Brown insider.

## MPC's new boy is an academic and proud of it

THE APPOINTMENT earlier By LEA PATERSON this year of John Vickers to the Monetary Policy Committee responsible for determining UK interest rates raised a few evehrows. An Oxford academic with little expertise in monetary policy, he joined a mmittee some thought was aready too light on practical experience and too overburdened with pointy heads.

However, speaking to The Independent in his first interview since taking up the post, Mr Vickers, the Bank of England's new chief economist, vigorously defended his academic background, his track record and the MPC's remit.

As part of his defence against critics who charge the MPC with failing to understand what's going on in husiness, he points to his successful experience in managing the finances of his Oxford college. He can boast of making money even when the stock market crashed in 1987.

According to Mr Vickers. who will concede that sitting on the MPC is a "beavy responsibility", be is comfortable with the rate decisions he has taken. And that includes the controversial decision to raise interest rates in June on the back of subsequently discredited figures on average earnings.

He said: "The appraisal of decisions has to be on the information that was available. I'm personally comfortable with the vote I expressed."

Mr Vickers, an Oxford-based father of three, says he has "absolutely no regrets" about his decision to leave academia, a decision triggered by an unexpected phone call from Mervyn King, now deputy governor of the Bank.

According to Mr Vickers, his relative lack of private sector experience - he was briefly an quite clear we're all individually is an important thing to do."

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oil analyst at Shell and has also undertaken a number of private consulting projects has not disadvantaged him in

For the job of Bank chief economist, said Mr Vickers, "you need a generalist applied economics approach and Mervyn [King, former chief economist) and John Fleming before him were in that mould."

Also important, according to the MPC new boy, is the ability to understand what is happening in the financial mar-



John Vickers: Comfortable with his rate decisions

kets, as that 1987 post-crash performance demonstrates. The 40-year-old former professor refuted the suggestion that Bank staff felt obliged to vote the same way as Eddie George, the Bank of England Governor He said it was pure coincidence be had voted the same way on interest rates as Mr George since joining the

MPC in the summer. "The conclusion I have reached has turned out to be the same as the conclusion the Governor has reached. But it is there is no trade-off of that kind

**COMPANY RESULTS** 

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on the line. If there are disagreements, there are disagreements, and that's that."

Mr Vickers, who attended the April and May MPC meeting as an observer before voting to raise rates in his first full meeting in June, said the committee did not "hold back" in its discussions.

> 'We're all charged with exactly the same thing. Our remit is very clear. The discussions are very free-ranging. People will happily ventilate points of view that are not their own. I think there is a very frank atmosphere."

He is upbeat about recent developments in the financial markets. "It's been very encouraging how things stabilised since the period of the IMF meetings on all sorts of

The outlook, though, for both the global economy and the UK, remains uncertain, he said. Among the uncertainties is the new European Central Bank, which will set interest rates in the euro-area from January.

The ECB's decisions certainly have the ability to affect the UK, according to Mr Vickers, "in the same way that decisions in the US can affect us", via the stock market, exchange rates and the direct impact on trade.

Like the European bank, the MPC faces numerous challenges, not least improving its public image, which has taken a hammering lately. According Mr Vickers,

"There's inevitably a long way to go. The misperception that there might be a trade-off where we say OK, let's have a bit more inflation and then we can sustainably have more jobs is just downright false.

Explaining clearly why

Pay day

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#### IN BRIEF

it. Boeing is blaming the Asian

#### Thinktank issues EC tax warning

AN INDEPENDENT European thinktank has warned that the European Commission's proposals for a tax on investment income could spell disaster for Europe's capital Promethee, applying the withholding tax to the wholesale financial markets could drive the lucrative eurobond business to Switzerland or New York. Albert Bressand, Promthee's managing director, said a recent study estimating the tax could cost 11,000 jobs "was a gross understatement" .-

#### Bonuses dry up NEARLY A quarter of UK

executive directors have failed to earn bonuses this year as a result of a closer link between pay-outs and performance, according to Hay Management Consultants. The Hay Boardroom Guide, an analysis of top executive pay, shows that directors' base salaries rose by about 6 per cent in the year to May, compared with 5 per cent for the workforce as a whole. However, there was a great variation in bonuses, with 22 per cent receiving no bonus

#### Mentmore boost

SHARES OF Mentmore Abbey, the storage company, yesterday rose 17.5p to 108.5p on news of a strategic alliance with US competitor Iron Mountain. Mentmore, which will sell 50.1 per cent of its British Data Management husiness to Iron Mountain for £27.3m, also reported a 43 per cent increase in pre-tax profit to £3.3 m.

#### Readicut up 6% READICUT, the fibre and

vinyl products manufacturer, yesterday announced a 6 per cent rise in pre-tax profit before exceptional items to £4.8m. Brian Leckie, company chief executive. said that its disposal programme was near completion, but that trading in the UK remains fiercely competitive.

#### Print jobs axed

NEWS COMMUNICATIONS and Media, the regional newspaper group, yesterday announced that it will close its operation in Dursley, Gloucestershire, within the next 12 months, with the loss of up to 160 jobs. Printing will be transferred to its new £13m plant at Weymouth. Dorset, in late 1999.

## HSBC (X) Midland Bank

#### **Interest Rates**

Advice of interest rate changes for personal customers from 3 December 1998

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£50,000 +	6.55%	6.05%	6.05%	£50,000 +	6.37%	5.89%	6.05%
£10,000 +	6.45%	5.95%	5.95%	£10,000 +	6.27%	5.80%	5.95%
Up to £10,000	6.25%	5.75%	5.75%	Up to £10,000	6.08%	5,61%	5.75%
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£10,000 +	4.85%	4.20%	4.20%	£10,000 +	4.75%	4.13%	4.20%
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£10,000 +	4.80%	4.16%	4.20%				
£5,000 +	4.56%	3.97%	4.00%				
Up to £5,000	4.21%	3.97%	4.00%				

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26 April 89) Home Mortgage Rate	8.9%	8.4%	8.20%	effective from 5 November 1998				

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Gross. The rate before the deduction of tax, applicable to savings. Gross CAR (Compounded Annual Rate): The true gross return taking into account the frequency of interest payments Tax Free: Tax Free means that interest is not subject to income tax. \*Mortgage rates for new borrowers were effective from 17 November 1998. All rates are correct as at 3 December 1998 but may very in the future.

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## Turbulent ride for aerospace shares

CROSPACE ENGINEERS went into words from the aircraft-maker Boeing caused a bout of turbulence in the sector. US investors were said to be keen to dump the aero-stocks after the shock profit warning by the American giant.

They are worried that shrinking demand for Boeing and Airbus aircraft would cripple production of their British-made wings and engines Broker ABN Armro reinforced the mood, advising clients to fasten their seatbelts and prepare for a bumpy ride in the sector.

British Aerospace was firmly on the bears' radar screens. The shares plunged over 4 per cent to 477.5p, as the market fretted over BAe's role in the Airbus consortium. Rolls-Royce, down 5p to 235p, was also without parachute. Positive noises from HSBC were not enough to lift the turbo-engine maker.

Siebe and BTR, the two electronic engineers engaged to be mar-ried, were also affected. The sector malaise combined with doubts over the merger to leave Siebe grounded at 201p, down 9p, and BTR 2.25p lower at 113.75p. The defence enMARKET REPORT

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gineers' selling spree extended to LucasVarity, down 4.5p to 203.5p. Smith Industries was the only one to take off, putting on 15p to 840p after the earnings enhancing ac-

quisition of the US electrocompo-

nents group Entraco for \$7.7m. Footsie kept a low profile after the previous day's disaster. The blue-chip index closed down 30.3 to 5507.2. After a directionless start, sentiment was hijacked by a large opening loss in Wall Street, and a fragile Footsie closed at the day's lowest point. Volume broke through

the 1 billion barrier for the second day running, belped by a number of tax-related deals and pre-Christ-

mas book-squaring. Scottish Power bucked the market trend to close up 23.5p at 657p, thanks to the return of recent rumours. Market insiders believe that the utility giant is preparing a spin-off of its telecoms arms or a long-awaited blockbuster buy in the US. It was denied the Footsie's top spot by Sema, up 20 to 470p, as the market corrected the previous day's rogue trade. Cariton timed in to a series of buy recommendations after Tuesday's results. The ITV compa-

ny finished 14.5p higher at 492.5p. The undercard was hit by a retailers' collapse and a series of profit warnings, which left the mid cap 17 lower at 4804.4 and the small cap 2.7 down at 2036.8.

Arcadia, the Burton-to-Dorothy Perkins frock-maker, started the collanse. The Debenhams spin-off was left looking like a crumpled suit after warning of falling sales and increasing competition. The alarm enraged many analysts, who had been reassured that all was well a few weeks ago. They got their revenge with savage cuts to their earnings estimates and a barrage of downgrades.

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Arcadia finished a dishevelled 26.2 per cent lower at 212.5p, the biggest faller in the FTSE 250. Its

ASTEC, the electronic equipment maker set to fall to US rival Emerson, remained unmoved at 84.5p as two directors sold their stakes. Howard Lance, chief executive, sold 50,000 shares at the 85p offer price for £42,500. Neal Stewart, technical director, dumped 1.25 million shares for over £1m. Mr Stewart, one of Astec's founders, also cashed in options, netting over £700,000. Emerson vesterday increased its

former parent Debenhams followed suit with a 21.5p fall to 360p. Reading the list of the other fallers was like taking a stroll down the high street. Sears, the Miss Selfridge chain, was down 7.5 per cent

to 196.5p. Next slumped 31p to

Astec holding to 87.3 per cent.

to 400p. GUS, the owner of Argos, did even worse as dealers panicked over today's results. The shares crumbled 8.3 per cent to a 52-week low of 574p. Allied Carpets rolled out its own disastrous trading update and slid 2p to 47.5p.

444p, Marks & Spencer fell 15.25p

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SHARE SPOTLIGHT

share price, pence

Boots fell 34p to 940p. Market insiders whisper that the chemist is preparing a very downbeat trading

update. Sainsbury, down 190 to 478p, added a bit of food flavour to the retailers' dehacle

Dixons' star shone alone in the sector's night. The electrical chain touched an all-time high of 758p, up

BUYERS WERE deaf to Hidden Hearing's plight yesterday. The recently floated retailer of hearing aids fell over 10 per cent to 117.5p. after warning of tough conditions in the UK and Ireland. The group, which owns 43 branches in the UK, revealed that

increased marketing expenses to keep sales affoat will hit margins at the year-end. The group remains on the lookout for earnings-boosting acquisitions.

18p after an investors' presentation at Goldman Sachs. The bank's clients were impressed with Dixons' burgeoning Internet service.

Marley was the cheer of the mid cap. The building materials group, rose 16.5 per cent to 123p after find-

ing a Belgian white knight to save it from the attack by its smaller rival John Mansfield. Étex, a privately owned company, is bidding 125p a share in cash, well above Mansfield's 97.4p bid.

Rugby Group, another suffering materials-maker, built a rally on its recent underperformance and ended 5.5 p higher at 87p. Tarmac added to the construction rally with a 3.5p rise to 112.5p. A deal with rival Aggregate Industries is said

Sentry Farming was the mar-ket's worst performer The agriculture group dropped 32 per cent to 43.5p after warning of a substantial trading loss for the year. The BSE scare, sterling strength and a slump in crop values did the damage.

Hornby, the maker of toy railways, hit the buffers, as it cautioned that tough trading would derail profits. The shares shed 37.5p to 147.5p.

Cortecs, the biotech group, rebounded 3.5p to 15p following Tuesday's product-delay warning.

SEAQ VOLUME: 1.12 billion SEAQ TRADES: 68.252 GILT INDEX: 114.24 -0.03

**Investment:** Consolidation may be the only option for the regional brewing sector This time ISA's

## Flat prospects at Greene King chief executive

THE REGIONAL BREWING sector, for so long the dullard of the pub and brewing industry, is suddenly starting to look interesting. With Wolverhampton & Dudley embroiled in a hostile bid for rival Marstons, and Greene King tipped as a possible "White Knight" bidder, the longawaited consolidation of the market could finally be under way.

Pertainly a glance at Greene: King's half-year figures yesterday suggest action is necessary. Trading profits were up just 5 per cent to £27m on sales up 2 per cent to £1345m. Like-for-like sales in its managed pub estate are running 3 to 4 per cent lower than last year and trading is said to be "patchy and unpredictable" in the face of weakening consumer demand. "It seems that consumers do have the money. but are frightened to spend it," said Greene King's chief executive Tim. ridge, adding that food sales are scently weaker than drink.

shares under-performing the mar-750p in the spring to 537.5p, down a further 1.5p yesterday.

Greene King's problem is that it is stronger Abbot ale, increased sales caught between the powerful big by 2 per cent in a cask conditioned brewers, such as Bass and Scottish market 10 per cent down.

BY NIGEL COPE Associate City Editor

& Newcastle, on the one hand and the new, nimble pub companies on the other. The regional brewers cannot match the marketing spend of the big boys while the new pub companies, such as Regent Irms and JD Wetherspoon, are nibbling away at their margins.

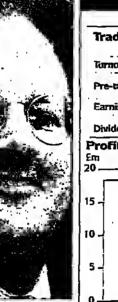
This has led to analysts and investors shunning brewers valued at less than £500m, leaving the shares trading on lowly ratings. As one sector-watcher put it yesterday: "Greene King is a small, low-growth business operating in a mature sector. It is just a case of trying to make the best of what its got."

To be fair to the company, it has been trying to do just that. Its decision to pull out of lager production last year now looks wise as Greene King could not possibly match the marketing muscle behind top and Stella Artois. It has also jettiket by 23 per cent over the past 12 . soned its Irish ale, Wexford Cream, months. They have fallen from over after sales started to fall sharply. Its beer volumes are out-per-

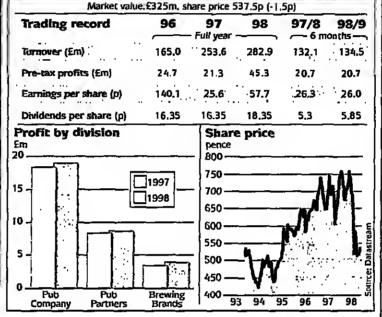
forming the market and its main Like other regional brewers ales, Greene King IPA and the



Tim Bridge: 'Consumers are frightened to spend'



In managed pubs the group is ment bill for refurbishment is loomconcentrating on acquiring and desome concerns that a large invest-



veloping community pubs to the Hungry Horse brand, which offers boosted by the purchase of 43 lower-priced food. So far there are
90 Hungry Horse pubs with a further eight sites secured for the secthe benefits of an investment proond half. However, there have been gramme will only be felt in the sec-

Greene King may yet enter the fray for Marstons although analysts said Morland, which it took an unsuccessful tilt at a few years ago, remains its most obvious partner.

Because of high fixed costs, the

link effectively means that fund

managers are a geared play on the

performance of the stock market,

doing very well during bull runs but

Many analysts are predicting

Anthony Cummins, an analyst

is on the road to recovery but are

achieve 15 per cent dividend growth

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And they will do a little better when

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"For a group in that position to

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that M&G's profits will be flat.

Although the shares trade on a forward multiple of just nine, analysts said the outlook remains un-

issue, be added. "I live primarily in M&G profits up but future looks uncertain VIRGIN DIRECT'S Christmas drinks party at the Sanctuary in Covent

Garden, London, on Tuesday night was a lively affair. While Richard Branson was off ballooning in Morocco, Rowan Gormley, managing director of Virgin Direct, played host to the great and the good of the financial services industry.

At the most they predict a slight rise over the next year if markets deliver growth of 5 per cent. Forecasts range between £75m and £80m for the year to September become unisex for the evening.

with Schroders, the investment bank, said: "They are a group that son would have apapproved.

> restaurant venture, the Coq d'Argent, seems something of a hit. Located on the roof of a new building just opposite the Bank of

### lasted six weeks PEOPLE AND BUSINESS

International, the toner cartridge to ink jet computer products distributor, is getting as secure an occupation as England Test batsman. Yesterday John Parkinson stepped aside after just six weeks in the job, having succeeded Richard Lindsey, who lasted 14 months. Before that Peter Hildrew also lasted 14 months at the helm, before JOHN PINNEGAR, the Inde-

BEING chief executive of ISA

resigning in July last year At the time, the company blamed his departure on personal reasons, saying Mr Hildrew felt that his decision to marry someone who lived in the south of England was not compatible with his working for a Bradfordbased company.

Yesterday the new chief executive and chairman of ISA, David Heap, said everything would be different in 1976 and then sold out in the 1980s in order to launch other companies in the US, only to buy back a fifth of ISA four months ago.

Despite yesterday's profits warning from ISA, Mr Heap is confident was his admiration for Helen he can deal with the margin pressures which have hit the company. And Bradford will no longer be an

Only one problem surfaced during the proceedings - large numbers of men wandering around the build-ing desparately looking for the gents. The Sanctuary is of course a womanonly bealth club, so the loos had to

The chib's swimming pool was once used as a set for one of Joan Collins' more risque films. Mr Gormley was thrown into the very same pool, suit and all. No doubt Mr Bran-

SIR TERENCE CONRAN'S latest

BY JOHN WILLCOCK

pendent Financial Advisers Association's chief spokesman and a former Tory Parliamentary candidate, is joining New Labour. The schoolboy-faced former spokesman for Fimbra told Money Marketing that be finally cracked because of the Tory policy on the European currency. This must all come as a bit of a sbock to his former day Club and Lambeth Council, where be was a Tory councillor for three years.

Mr Pinnegar says another reason for defecting to Labour Liddell, currently Scottish Office minister, and her handling of the pensions review.

England, the eatery yesterday lunchtime attracted (at different tables) Nicola Foulston, bead of Brands Hatch and former Businesswoman of the Year. Mark Boleat, outgoing director-general of the Association of British Insurers, and Sir Terence himself, sporting his trademark blue shirt.

THE MAN who led the computerisation of air traffic control at Heathrow Airport has just been appointed secretary of the London Society of Chartered Accountants.

Ian Strange, 51, returns to the job from Russia, where he was formerly buman resources director for Arthur Andersen, and before that Coopers & Lybrand (Now PricewaterhouseCoopers).

After reading maths at Reading University, Mr Strange started his career with Marconi, and was team leader for the automation of Heathrow's air traffic control. It was only then that he saw the light and became an accountant.

#### FUND MANAGEMENT group M& G BY ANDREW VERITY After hiring Vivian Bazelgette, a own City fund manager, yesterday reported a 13 per cent jump in profits in the year to Sep-tember but warned that volatile utive, declined to comment on s moved away from its trastrategy of picking high-g, small-cap stocks. New whether he had received any markets would breed caution among takeover approaches, adding: "We s have included a highthink independent companies are investors in the coming year. rporate bond fund and an more flexible and quicker on their

Profits rose from £67.4m to

£76:1m as rising markets yielded high annual management fees in the first nine months of the financial year. Dividends rose 15 per cent The profit jump came in spite of per cent fall in the value of its

funds under management, to £16.8bn. Since the end of September, funds have recovered to M&G has been the continual target of takeover rumours following a disastrous investment performance three years ago which has

from the group. Michael McLintock, chief exec-

see good long-term prospects in the savings market and we are determined to enhance our position as one of the country's leading independent savings providers."

M&G also suffers from its former success as the world's oldest unit trust company. Last year, a net £111m was withdrawn as customers died and relatives cashed in their inheritance.

One analyst said: "M&G is a company that is having to run faster and faster simply to stand still caused investors to withdraw funds at the moment. Basically, they have done well to break even." Mr McLintock, one of the

younger members of th that founded KPMG, has ed in boosting sales of inv products in an effort to turn flow of funds to an inflow by

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1800	yielding, small-cap stocks. New launches have included a high- yield corporate bond fund and an
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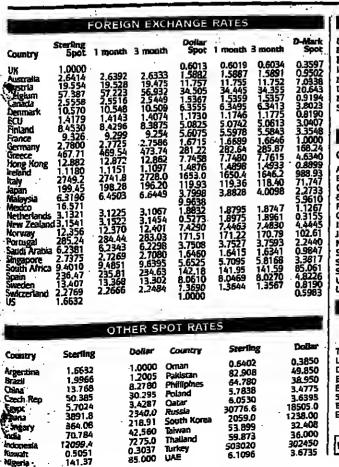
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## A bitter pill the English refuse to swallow

FROM TIME to time, and this seems to be as good a time as any, I dwell on difficulties arising from the arrogant presumption that England should be second to none in sporting stature.

A Celt has to tread carefully bere, but nothing appears to die harder among English people, and some in my trade especially, than the notion that failures in sport are proof of faltering character rather than the inevitable outcome of global improvement.

Nobody with half an eye on present standings in cricket would have been tempted to risk some of the mortgage money on England's chances of regaining the Ashes. Saved by the weather in Brisbane. outplayed in Perth where they went



KEN JONES

down by seven wickets, England are running true to form.

Why then were the travelling supporters interviewed on televi-

sion the other night so indignant? Not unnaturally, they give weight to to a residual sense of superiority that goes back to when England, or should I say the United Kingdom. was giving most games to the world and making mincemeat out of the opposition. This is not entirely the fault of an older generation

In debate at Exeter University just about a year ago, I put forward confidently the motion that we - the Celtic nations came into this have become a second class sporting nation. Mainly on historical grounds it was heavily defeated.

"When you think of all the great British figures in the annals of sport there is no reason why we should think ourselves inferior," one of the students said.

If, admittedly, a powerful argument - not so much what a nation achieves but what it brings to the sporting fabric - it did not account for exaggerated responses to success and failure.

Anybody who follows sport in newspapers and across the airwaves will be aware of bow quick some critics are to advance the view that defeats insult England's sporting beritage. They do no such thing. The truth, and a hard truth it is for many to swallow, is that for such a small and fragmented nation Britain does remarkably well on the playing fields.

A friend who writes about track and field warns of the backlash British athletics will suffer from a comparative downturn in next

year's World Championships. "You don't have to know much about the sport to realise that we won't win as many gold medals as we did in this year's European Championships but that won't be taken into account," he said. "It will be back, unfairly, to the old question: what's wrong with British athletics?"

Like most other critics and onlookers, I have not myself questioned bundreds of witnesses or studied the accounts of casual bettors but it is probably safe to assume that a great deal of money was put there has only been one other apdown on England before they set pearance (1990) in the semi-finals. out on last summer's World Cup

The impression that has since grown up, amplified this week by an ITV documentary about the match need to fear anyone. England lost

land would probably have won the World Cup but for the dismissal of David Beckham and other imagined refereeing errors.

Nothing is held out here against anyone who believes this but it does not accommodate the facts of England's overall record in World Cup competition. There has been just one victory, in 1966, when England had the advantage of playing all their matches at Wembley. And

When England defeated Australia in a Test match at Edgbaston two summers ago, it was stated by Lord MacLaurin that they had no

against Argentina - watched by a the series. A more circumspect record 27m viewers - is that Eng- view was taken generally when England overcame South Africa last summer but it did not prevent the misplaced optimism that ac-

companied England to Australia. While professing no great expertise, my view of England's performances so far in Australia is that their opponents are simply better at batting, bowling and

catching. If this suggests a lot of room for improvement and justifies a shakeup in the administration and structure of English cricket there is no shame in it.

It will surely be a great day if you ask an Englishman what the word sport brings to mind, and he replies: "Plays bell with reality."

# Jones on journey out of the dark

It has been a hard 12 months for the Wales captain left paralysed by an 'innocuous accident'. By Tim Glover

at Cardiff Rugby Club yesterday. "If you'd told me 12 months ago that I'd be sitting here talking about my future I wouldn't have believed it," the former Wales captain said.

It was on the adjoining pitch on dent". 13 December last year that Jooes. playing for Cardiff against Swansea, suffered a serious spinal injury, in the whose parents are both doctors, will

do now, they just take a bit longer than before," he said, "I'm almost walking independently, I'm OK for a couple of steps and then I might lose balance. There's a fine line between walking and grabbing bold of something. It's a question of rhythm and

bad fractured his spine and would never walk again but the cord was compressed and he had an operation to relieve the pressure. During his rehabilitation he met people who are suffering from total paralvsis. "One chap told me I was lucky. He had completely severed his spinal cord. I knew what be meant although I didn't feel particularly lucky. I'm pleased with bow far I've come hecause hack in those dark days wheo I couldn't move at all there was a chance I might remain like that for the rest of my life. It was a frightening experience. When I asked them if I'd ever be able to walk they said they Now they're saying I should be able to run. There are still a lot of goals to he achieved. To resume my medical career I need to improve the risks,"

WITH THE aid of crutches, Gwyn my exam skills and the dexterity in Jones walked into the trophy room at Cardiff Rugby Clubyesterday. If going to be putting needles into someone else."

Jones describes the incident which left him motionless on the Arms Park as an "innocuous acci-

"A lot of people still play the video of the incident but it was an accident which could have happened 13th minute, from which it was to anyone. It was in open play, I was thought he might never recover. For standing over the ball trying to sea time he was a quadriplegic. After cure possession and I was hit from 12 months of treatment and reha- both sides. My neck was caught in bilitation, Jones, a medical student anawkward position and I found myself lying on the floor. The greatest attempt to resuscitate his career in feeling that 1 bad at that time was not knowing where my body was. "There aren't many things I can't That was the first sign that something had gone badly wrong because I couldn't work out where my arms and legs had gone. Then I managed a quick look to where I thought my arms and legs were but they weren't there."

Two weeks before the injury, It was initially feared that Jones and skill, had captained Wales against the All Blacks at Wembley. had already been affected by a sehad a fearless approach to the game. Colleagues at the Welsh National School of Medicine were accustomed to seeing Jones as a patient. He had two shoulder operinjury. He had taken a two-year sabbatical from his studies to play as a full-time professional.

"There are probably more injuries now because everybody's so much bigger and it's a far more physical game. There's more emphasis didn't know. I'd just have to wait. on the big hits. I used protective padding hut I didn't find it much use. Whether rule changes would make it safer is difficult to say. People know



Jones, a 25-year-old flanker of speed It was his 13th cap in a career that ries of injuries. Like Dr J P R Williams, the legendary full-back, be ations, a back injury and an ankle



Gwyn Jones, the former Cardiff player and Wales captain, returns to the scene of the accident that left him temporarily paralysed. He suffered a serious spinar injury in a tackle during his club's match against Swansea last December and had to be carefully carried from the pitch (below) Robert Hallam and PA

of Wales Hospital and following surgery be was moved to the high dependency unit. "It was very difficult to cope with that at first. Lying on my hack with my bead strapped to the bed staring at the ceiling is obviously not easy. To begin with I was unsure what I had done although when the doctors told what was wrong and started to see promising."

Jones' recovery began at the spinal injury and I had never heard met since the fateful fixture on 13 Deneurological ward at the University of someone who was totally paralysed one minute and began to improve the next. I met people who had suffered similar injuries and I was determined that bowever hard it was I would not give in. I met a couple of people who had done better than me at this stage of their recovery and some who had recovered well after failing to make that much progress me I badn't broken my neck I was in the early days. That being the a bit confused. Gradually I realised case, I think the future looks quite

'Everybody's so much bigger and it's a far more physical game. There's more emphasis on big hits'

definite signs of recovery. For several days I couldn't move at all and I was even having trouble breathing. There was just not enough power to allow me to breathe as I ahould. After about a week I atarted getting some movement in my left leg and then things started to happen.

"What it taught me was how litfor someone to get an incomplete match, the first time the clubs have

Jones is aware the whole bealing process has been aided and abetted by his family, the medical staff of the various institutions he has attended and the stream of letters and messages of support from all over the

He has just begun a stint as a rugby analyst for the Welsh television channel, S4C, and on Saturday tle I know. I knew it was quite rare will be at the Swansea-Cardiff

cember.

"I was actually watching games as soon as I was out of the high dependency unit and back on the ward. We would have my mother bolding the television aerial out of the window so we could watch the pictures. There was never any question of me not watching or following rugby. It was difficult after what had happened but I have always played the game and many of my friends are still playing. Initially when teammates came to see me I thought differently about the position. I looked at them and couldn't really understand why they should want to play on baving seen what can happen to somebody. Then I thought if it was me standing there with someone else in the bed I'm sure I would have carried on playing."

Nevertheless, Jones, who seemed destined for an international career when be led Wales to victory over Scotland in 1988 at under-15 level, will never play again.

"Even if I make a full recovery I don't really want to be out there playing after the severity of what hap-



## Extraordinary tales of Lions, Cougars and rugby mascots

league bookshelves groan under the strain, but there has been one bodies those differences better than major weighty tome and several books that are, for one reason or another, out of the ordinary.

The most significant new addition is Rugby's Great Split: Class, Culture and the Origins of Rugby League Football by Tony Collins (Frank Vass, £20). It is the most detailed and perceptive account yet of the events around the great schism.

This might be the era when we are all supposed to be mates together at least when it suits the rugby union authorities - but this book is a timely reminder that rugby league really is radically different in its underlying attitudes as well as in having a cou-

NOT A year to make the rugby ple of players less. For those of us of his relationships and subsequent a certain age, Malcolm Reilly emmost. Reilly, by Malcolm Reilly with Ian Heads (Ironbark, unpriced), has so far only been published in Australia. In the meantime. Open Rugby magazine is trying to get some copies.

It is worth getting, because Reilly genuinely occupies a unique position in the game, as the only Pom to cut the mustard in Australia as both player and coach.

The single-mindedness that made that possible is evident in this well above average autobiography. especially in his descriptions of "getting his retaliation in first" as a marked man at Manly in the 1970s.

fall-outs with Maurice Lindsay and Eliery Hanley.

Rugby Rebel by Alan Tait with Bill Lothian (Mainstream, £14.99) is representative of a genre that has only recently become possible - the memoir of a union player turned to league and back to union.

The mystery of Tait's latter years is how a player stagnating in Leeds' reserves could emerge as one of the heroes of the Lions in South Africa.

Tait's account of his relationship with the then Leeds coach, Dean Bell, goes some way towards answering that question. The only person he is less complimentary about is bis Lions room-mate, He is strong, too, on the subject of Jeremy Guscott, "Looking back," he

BOOKS FOR **CHRISTMAS** 

Today: Rugby League

writes, "I really can't believe that I made such an effort to get onside with Mr High and Mighty Guscott. Maybe if be'd slogged it out at Featherstone on a wet Tuesday in December be might bave been entitled to that sort of respect from me. All be really seemed concerned about... was whether I farted in my

Life of Tom Mitchell (Echotime Brian Lund (Reflections of a Bygone this, although my recollections of the Inc, £16) is the year's most engaging autobiography. The grand old eccentric of rugby league, who died in September, did not just have one good life story to tell; be had several ordinary, if sometimes rambling,

piece of work. Leeds Rugby League Club compiled by Phil Caplan and Les Hoole (Tempus, £9.99) is one of the Images of England series and a visually rewarding collection. It is worth getting down from the shelf for its cover, a quite wonderful sepia team group of the Leeds and New Zealand players who met at Headingley in 1907.

The Memoirs and Sporting nostalgia, then Daring to Dream by

history, of fresh wounds and wrongs.

It is an account of the rise of the Keighley Cougars, a phenomenon and wove them into a quite extra-not just of rugby league but of British sport in the way they went from moribund to vibrant in the early 90s.

Keighley were ultimately denied their place at the game's top table by the arrival of Super League. There is no attempt here to disguise the bitterness - nor should there be.

Their amateur neighbours, Keighley Albion, are the subject of Seasons to Remember by Don and Dave Kirkley (Empire Publications, If that is basically an exercise in £6.95). No amateur rughy league club has had its bistory chronicled like

Age, £6.95) is, despite the name of its early 80s are that playing them - or publishers, an exploration of recent any other side in Keighley - was a more frightening experience than emerges here.

Over the bill and in the big city. the Bradford Bulls bave been innovators in many spheres of the game. Predictable, then, that they should be the first to publish a children's book based on their mascot -Bullman and the Mystery of the Missing Boots (Bradford Bulls,

I look forward to the sequels. Bullman and the Mystery of the Missing Super League Points and, just possibly. Bullman and the Mystery of the Missing Spectators.

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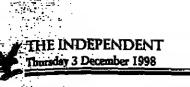
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# Pietrangeli and the dictators

but their captain's battle to play was rewarded with victory. By John Roberts in Milan

enth Davis Cup final tomorrow, the first one at home, when Sweden visit the Fila Forum here. Italy's only win was in Chile in 1976, a victory threatened by the Pinochet regime.

Nicola Pietrangeli, Italy's etitor, was the team's captain 22 years ago. Pietrangeli's biggest struggle was against sections of the Italian government and his own tennis federation. Sports writers, political commentators and newspaper proprietors were also divided by whether Italy should send a team to Santiago. Gianni Clerici, of La Repub-

blica, was then writing for Il Giorno. "I had to resign from fuscist? The chanting was ormy paper, because my paper yas running the opinion that we "Socialists should not go," Clerici recalled. minded him. The tennis federation bad

from the windows. New words were adapted to Domenico Modugno's song "Volare", and post prolific Davis Cup com- I remember the leftist kids chanting, Non si giocano vole, con il boia Pinochet' [one has

not to play volley against hang-

young guys who threw things

man Pinochet]." Rino Tommasi, of La Gazzetta dello Sport, remembers hearing chanting in front of the parliament building. "We are not to play, even a set against Pinochet', and another one went, We are not sending our tennisti, to play against ganised by the Communists." "Socialists, too," Clerici re-

"Whatever," Tommasi said.

the left to me are Communist relationship with Chile, Roma-Gianni doesn't agree, but that's my opinion. My political position is extremely on the right."

Tommasi "went to war" with Gazzetta. "I was for going [to Chilel, my paper was against it. One day I read the front page headline, Why Not'. The article was not signed, but I knew the iournalist who wrote it and I knew the editor agreed with the article. It explained the main reason we shouldn't go to play in a country run by Pinochet. blah, blah, blah, blah.

"I knew it was a unique opportunity to win the Davis Cup. Chile had the weakest team who ever reached the final. But that was not the only reason I was for going. It was

nia had an economic relationship with Chile, Russia had an ecocomic relationship with Chile. Why shouldn't we go?"

Ubaldo Scanagatta, of La Nazione, was encouraged by his editor to present a balanced view. "I was asked to write the pros and cons," Scanagatta said. "Our readers were more central and right than left, so we were in favour of playing the match. I thought if we didn't go it would be even better for Pinochet, because he would have made a big promotion in his country about being champions of the world. But if it hadn't been for Pietrangeli, I don't think Italy would have

team's right to play where in-Panatta winning his two sindustrialists did business. gles matches and partnering "Pietrangeli was very brave to Paolo Bertolucci to win the speak in public," Clerici said. doubles. "He said it was right to go to "Pinochet didn't come to the Chile, and that there were plen-

ty of dictatorships on earth. He

received menaces, anonymous

drawn from the semi-finals be-

cause they didn't want to play

with Chile, so Chile went to the

final easily. It was a tough prob-

lem. It was sorted out in the

end. The centre party, the

Christian Democrat Govern-

in my own column."

The Russians had with-

letters and phone calls.

tennis," Clerici said. "They had four generals who were running the country. One of them, General Leigh, who was in charge of the air force, went to the game. I remember that a helicopter, or a small plane, went very close to the stadium, and so the crowd got an occasion to whistle at General Leigh because the aircraft disturbed

ment, was formed, and we were The majority of people in Chile seemed to be for able to go. Even I was rein-Pinochet, which for us was very stated (by Il Giorno) and was allowed to write what I wanted surprising, because our press had spoken about a total dicta-

The prospect of sending a Davis Cup team to Pinochet's Chile 22 years ago divided Italy what be had done. He had killed people. But the situation was very tough They still had a curfew at

night, hut we spoke with a few of the people, and the impression was that the situation went so bad with [overthrown prime minister Salvador] Alleode that the majority at that time - it changed, of course - was for

Tomassi remembers the sportsmanship of the Chilean spectators, "It was one of the finest receptions we ever had from the crowd," he said. "South Americans don't have the best reputation - probably, after the Italians, they have the worst - hut we were very well treated. And as soon as we won the doubles, because we won two singles on the first day. the crowd asked our players to do a lap of honour. The atmos-

### Eagles' dream ended by Young

ICE HOCKEY

BY IAN PARKES

AYR SCOTTISH EAGLES SUFfered another beartbreaking night in Europe oo Tuesday when just 53 seconds away from making British ice hockey history. Eagles oeeded one point from their final divisional game in Mannheim to reach the second round of the European Hockey League but were denied by a last-gasp winner from the Germans.

Jim Lynch's side suffered an agonising 6-5 defeat having led three times in a pulsating game in which there was never more than ooe goal between the teams. David St Pierre gave the reigning grand slam cham-pions the lead in the first period, by the end of which the scores were tied as Christian Lukes levelled.

John Parco restored Ayr's advantage early in the second. hut Mannheim were ahead going into the final period with goals from Paul Stanton and Jasoo Young oo the powerplay.

The last 20 minutes proved a rollercoaster for Ayr as they pulled level through Matt Hoffmann at 43.28, only to go behind again just over two minutes later when Pavel Gross found

But Eagles turned the tie around wheo Mark Montanari and St Pierre netted within the space of 47 secoods, before foul trouble led to Dave Tomlinson capitalising on the powerplay to make the score 5-5 with seven minutes remaining. Just when it looked as if the Eagles would hold out as they defended desperately in the dying stages, Young seot Mannheim through to join the Russian champions, Kazan, who had earlier beaten Czech side Litvinov 3-2.

In the Sekooda Superleague, Cardiff Devils closed the gap on leaders Manchester Storm to four points - and with two games in band - producing a 3-2 win at London Knights.

A Doug McEwen strike sandwiched a brace from Mario Simeone as Cardiff came from behind to set up a vital clash against Storm at the MEN

## Goodway laments Britain split

THE NATIONAL coach, Andy Goodway, believes the chances of a home success at the World BY DAVE HADFIELD p in 2000 have been opting for Scotland and Iestyn decision - announced at the end ternational Federation in Sydney-not to tackle the might of series with New Zealand will be Australia and New Zealand

The Rugby Football League has opted to field separate said. But they've got to go with teams representing England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales to gain £750,000 of Sports Council funding as part of the World Class Performance Programme. Britain in 2000, making it the Gary Connolly and Terry O'Connor, for example, have

land and, with Dale Laughton to take part, with the other

RUGBY LEAGUE

Harris and Keiroo Cunningof a two-day meeting of the In- ham regulars for Wales, Goodway's squad for the recent Test decimated. "It was tough with a full Great Britain team. enough before, now it's going to make it even harder," Goodway separate countries to get the funding and that's more important than my ego."

There are to be 16 teams in game's biggest-ever tournament. The meeting in Sydney committed themselves to Ire- has cleared the way for Russia

place to be decided between nations such as Canada, the United States, Morocco, Moldova. Japan, Lebanon and Italy. A pre-World Cup competition could determine the qualifier.

Already included in Lie draw, to be held next February, are South Africa, where the revival of the World Nines will be held that month. The decisioo to stage the tournament in Johannesburg for the next three years will be a boost to the game in South Africa, which is also to host an extra Test match next November.

Great Britain and New Zealand are to meet at Ellis Park on 12 November, a week after the Tri-Nations final in Sydney. The meeting has also will continue to apply.

approved a number of rule changes that will apply in Britain oext season. The experiment of having

the scoring side restarting play with the kick-off is to end and the extra tackle when a team fields a kick will no longer apply, but the "40/20" rule, in use in Australia, is to be extended to Britain. It rewards a long-range, touch-finding kick by giving the attacking side the head and feed at the scrum.

In international matches, coaches will be able to make an unlimited number of changes, although there can still only be four named substitutes. In

## WIN AN EVENING WITH SOME OF YOUR POHING HEROES AND A

The Independent and the Australian Tourist Commission have teamed up to offer one lucky reader and a friend or partner the chance not only to dine with some of Britain's most famous sporting heroes at the Sports Writers Association Annual Dinner at the London Hilton on Monday 4th December, but also the opportunity to fly to Sydney and visit the

The 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney are set to generate unprecedented levels of interest. More than anything Australians are famous for their obsession with sport. The condnent has established its reputation as a leading sporting nation and is host to some of the world's most prestigious sporting events. So there's never been a better time to head Down Under and discover what Australia has to offer. Sportsworld, the British Olympic Associations appointed tour operator, has provided the winner with six nights' accommodation in a twin room and two event tickets. Sportsworld has a comprehensive range of programmes from fully inclusive packages to flight and ticket options. Call Sportsworld for full

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### Rain delays leave | Tyson faces threat Westwood on hold of 20 years in jail

LEE WESTWOOD will lead the way when the Million Dollar Challenge is launched at the can do well if he manages his Gary Player Country Chib, Sun game correctly, but we will see City, South Africa, today - if the how be does in that thick kikuyu torrential rain relents. The Lin-rough," he said. coinshire player, who, together with Colin Montgomerie, forms a two-man British representation in the 12-player event, will partner Bernhard Langer in the opening pair.

But three inches of rain fell in 14 hours yesterday, and the Prior, said: "It doesn't look good for tomorrow, but we'll try to get in at least nine holes if we can. off, so we have the advantage

been drawn with Jesper Parnevik. Ernie Els plays with David Duval and the other pairings are Jim Furyk and Justin Leonard, Montgomerie and than staying on a fairway here." Mark O'Meara and Nick Price

and Tom Watson Price, the defending champion, has singled out O'Meara.

The six-times major winner, Nick Faldo, will test his emergence from a golfing abyss at what has been described as a brutal course for this week's Australian Open. Royal Adelaide, a 6,015-yard,

par-73 lay-out, has been turned tournament chairman, Tobin into a monster by Australian golf's elder statesman, Peter Thomson, whose course remodelling has been a hot topic We only have six two-balls to get in the lead-up to today's opening round.

Thomson has lengthened the Tiger Woods, making his first course, added bunkers and narappearance in the event, has rowed landing zones. One local professional said of the toughened 'Royal Terror': "Thomson's lost his marbles. I've got more chance of winning the lottery

Faldo did not agree. "I have no criticisms of the course," he said. "I think it's awesome. It's the most challenging 18 holes as the greatest threat to his Ive played on. The rough is chance of landing a hat-trick in very thick. In some places you the event Price was not too con-cerned about Woods. "Tiger and you're unplayable."

MIKE TYSON faces up to 20 years in prison after pleading "no contest" to two assault charges. The former world heavyweight champion's plea, which stemmed from a traffic accident in a Washington suburb on 31 August, is not an admission of guilt.

It does mean, however, that Tyson could be punished with 10 years in prison for each count when the judge, Steven Johnson, sentences him in January. Tyson said he was neither

promised leniency for his plea nor any special treatment in sentencing. He also said he was aware the plea could affect his probation status from a 1992 rape conviction, for which he served three years in prison. His probation period from the rape sentence ends in March. Abmielec Saucedo and

Richard Hardick reached an out-of-court settlement with Tyson to avoid a civil suit after claiming the fighter kicked and punched them after the traffic incident, "He admits to losing his temper on the side of the road," said Tyson's attorney, Paul Kemp.

the case, but said he plans to verdict.

make his return to the ring in a fight next year against South Africa's François Botha. He had his boxing licence revoked by Nevada officials in July of last year after biting off a piece of Evander Holyfield's ear dur-

ing their world title fight. Mike Callahan, the manager of the Ulsterman Eamonn Magee, yesterday lodged an official complaint with the Commonwealth Boxing Council following his boxer's controversial one point defeat by Paul Burke on Monday. Burke, from Preston, won the Commonwealth light-welterweight title in Man-

chester, but there was heavy

criticism of a 115-II4 verdict by

the referee, John Keane. "The decision has been made and you have to accept it but, as I expected, the outcry has been immense," said Callahan, "As Eamonn Magee's manager I am obliged to lodge this complaint and seek ... a rematch."

The British Boxing Board of Control secretary, John Morris, who acted as Commonwealth supervisor, admitted that he. Tyson had no comment on too, was surprised by the

## **Business** all dressed up for Rehearsal

FOR THOSE who lose a winning ticket on the King George VI Chase on Boxing Day and feel the need to jump off the grandstand, there is these days at rather distant in September least some compensation.

final vault hut rather the new £9m huilding which was built last year to accommodate those trying to rid themselves of a Yuletide hangover.

bungee jumpers landing in the Premier Enclosure will not take as many with them as would have been the case in previous years. Sunbury's version of the Eton wall game should not be so tumultuous this year as the numbers will be last season. If you have paid £27 dual winners. to get in, it's always good to have your feet touch the floor.

Boxing Day falls on a Saturday this year which means the Kempton two-day meeting - offering £300,000 in prize-money contests - will be completed on

the Monday. The sponsors, for the third BY RICHARD EDMONDSON

George until the year 2.000. Such an eventuality looked when a horse leased by the re-It is not from some dirty old edifice that they make their final vault hut rather the new cruitment agency on St Leger day was disqualified from first place. Tim Watts, the Pertemps Group Chairman, took this rather badly. In fact, you could have fried an egg on his head. All manner of dark warnings

This season it will be that about future sponsorship subsequently tumbled forth, but it now seems Mr Watts's body temperature is back to normal.

Desert Orchid, who won the King George four times, will be there, as will another horse who will be attempting to join the likes of Silver Buck, Captain limited to 3.500, 1,000 down on Christy. Pendil and One Man as

See More Business did not cause great palpitations in his camp when beaten by Suny Bay on his seasonal debut at Haydock last month as that was exactly how he began his agenand featuring three Grade One da when capturing the King George last year. To maintain the symmetry the gelding will now have to collect the Re-

same programme as last year;" Paul Nicholls, See More Business'a trainer, said vesterday, "I

was very happy with his run at Haydock because he's always a little bit rusty first time. Haydock doesn't really suit him and he ran off a 12lb higher mark than in the same race last year. He will improve and run really well.

Chepstow and it will be the

"If everything is all right, we will then go straight to Kempton. It's a very big day trying to win a race like that and we thoroughly enjoyed it last year because we had always thought he was a decent horse.

"They are all a decent lot of horses and any race like that is very hard to win, but, according to the handicapper, he's as good as any of them. Levelweights races like the King George suit him better than handicaps now."

Challenger du Luc, last year's runner-up, is one of six entries from Martin Pipe'a Fort Nicholashayne, which has yet to receive a King George winner. Saturday's Hennessy winner, Teeton Mill, is also a consideration, especially as he year, are Pertemps, who have hearsal Chase at the weekend. has gone up a stone in the "He runs on Saturday at weights and handicaps no



Jim Culloty has steeplechaser Scavo (No 6) under a tight rein before his mount goes on to win the top race at Plumpton yesterday Allsport

longer look so comfortable. The grey is also entered in the Betterware Cup at Ascot and Chepstow's Welsh National, the weights for which were is-

sued yesterday. Suny Bay is at the head of the list but it seems most unlikely that he will be asked to transport 12st around Chepstow's demanding acres on 28 December: "He would be a longshot," Simon Sherwood, the grey's trainer, said yesterday. "You can't fit every race into the

season. He either goes in the carry weight - he had 12st at Rehearsal Chase or for the Tommy Whittle at Haydock, heavy weight as a novice - so I Then be might go for the Ericsson Chase in Ireland."

Suny Bay's defection will mean that tooweight is trans- the gelding's co-owners, said ported by Britain's foremost yesterday. trundler, Earth Summit. The Grand National winner relishes the murderous conditions which Chepstow often provides. but even his steely frame will be tested by a weight of 11st 10lb. "He has proved he can horses in the handicap."

the Becher meeting and carried wouldn't be saying for that reason we would be frightened of running." Nigel Payne, one of

"You would be giving lumps of weight away to some decent horses but that is one of the problems of having a horse that has performed well and has gone up to be one of the top

MARY REVELEY's runners races. "Saturday was the worst continued in hrilliant form yesterday. A Catterick double with a run like this. It is a funny old Jessica One and Free took her score to seven winners in three

The success is in sharp contrast to Newbury oo Saturday when the Saltburn trainer saw her two star performers. Seven Towers and Marello, well beat-

day of my life and now we get game," she said yesterday. "I think as far as Marello is

#### WINCANTON

HYPERION

12,50 North Tyne 2.50 Dunbury Flyer 1.20 Tales Of Bounty 3.20 Southampton 1.50 Fortria Rosle Dawn

GOING: Good to Soft (Good in places).

In Right-hand, galloping course, Run-in of 200yds.

In Course is NE of town on B3081, Templecombe station (service from London, Water-loo) 4m ADMISSION: Members \$73 (Jurior Members, 77 to 22 years, \$7); Tattersalls \$9, Course (and cars to course) £4 (Under-166 free into all enclosures). CAH PARK.

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ELEADING JOCKEYS: A P McCoy 22 wins from 113 rides (success rate 19.5%), R Dumwoody 21-96 (21.4%), A Thornton 12-60 (20%). C Maude 12-74 (16.2%), J Deborne 11-53 (20.8%), R Johnson 10-40 (25%).
FAVOURITES: 56 wins in 412 races (37.9%).
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Arguably: Well besten in two novice hurdles and pulled up in another Ashgan: Former pointer, winter in May on his last two starts. One to note in the betting Brownings Boy; 33,1 beaten 34 lengths when never-dangerous severith of 12 to Forever Noble in novice hurdle at Hurtingdon (2m, good to firm). Has to improve marketly Brush Off: Looks sort to do better but has not shown much ability so far, well beaten when soth in novice hurdles (both at around 2md) at fauntion and Towester in March Clonshive Casitic: Fifth of 12 in a Hurtingdon bumper 8-1 but pulled up before 3 out in 12-runner novice hurdles at Ludlow (2m5) good) following month. Probably best watched Jut Specials: Decemb humper winner last season. Has not reached that level in two 2m novice hurdles, 6½ lengths third to Not For Parnot at Wincanton and 20½ lengths third to Tax Exempt at Kempton. Marked morrowment is expected with today's step up in my Manklind: Hurtler chase winner in April 1997. Modest over hurdles and has had plenty of chances, 9 lengths second in a selling handless last time Unitary to be good enough Missed Call: Timd in good-ground novice hurdles at Falkenham (2m) and Southwell (2m2) in the spring. Should stay further than that, but well beaten on two previous attempts North Tyne: Useful bumper form, beating Rios king at Kemption on debut and runner-up to same horse at Chepstow 7-2, 1½ lengths second to Poler Flight in novice hurdle at Plumpton (2m4) good to soft last month, Lasding contender on both sets of form Rossy Boy? Progressive efforts in novice hurdles. 2 lengths third of 6 to Holborn Hill at Ascot (3m, good to soft), 2m6 may prove too short, and improvement needed anyway. Rosey Boy: Progressive efforts in nonce hurdles, 12 lengths that of 6 to Holborn Hill at Ascot (3m, good to soft) 2m6/ may prove too short, and improvement needed anyway Strong Maglict: Brother to Sparky Gayle, Easily best effort when 101/ lengths 6th of 12 to Double Tempor at Windsor (2m4f, good to soft) 10 days ago. One to consider Vorkshim Edition: Second (avourine hampened when fifth of 14 in Luddow bumper in May 6-1 from 9-1 but soundly beaten when fourth of 6 to Storm Of Gold on hurdling debut at Haydock (2m4f, good to soft) on return. Well thought of and worth another chance Technometer: Fair form in two good-ground bumpers but was beaten 44 lengths when eighth of 10 to firsh in nonce hurdle at Exeter (2m1f, good to soft) tast month.

VERDICT: Jat Specials is from a stable in form and looks sure to put in a bold show stopped up in time, but NORTH TYNE is another with ptenty of scope for improvement and he was a better horse in bumpers last season. There are two interesting dark horses in winning pointer Ashgeo and the Paul Nichole-trained Yorkshire Edition, both of whom have been the subject of good reports from their trainers, the latter being described as "my favounte among the younger horses" before his disappointing hurding debut 15 days ago. Strong Maglic should also be considered.

1.20 CHARD JUVENILE NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £2,900 added 3YO 2m Penalty Value £2,288

23	MASTER CASTER (19) ("It Might Be Ten" Partnership) G McCourt 10 12
	MILAD (F96) (Mrs Joyos Wood) K Bell 10 12
34	NOBLE DENIAND (12) (Mrs E A Haycock) G Baiding 10 12
	ONE TO GO (F41) (J M Cook) O Charles-Jones to 12
	RED RISK (F38) (F Jones) S Knight 10 12
3	TALES OF BOUNTY (12) (Mrs Michael Meredith) D Esworth 10 12. P Holley
	THE GENE GENTE (12) (Fieldsoring Recing) M Heaton-Ellis to 12
_	TOM PADDINGTON (F37) (M S Wison, 14th Wilson) H Morrison 10 12
4	YAJTAHED (19) (Nex Clark) G L Moore 10 12
	BRIETECHE (FR) (15) (Gerry Scanlor & Miss J Kirk) M Pice 107
	HARLESTONE LANE (7) (Mrs S Geen) D Burchell 10 7
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G: 4-1	Tales Of Bounty, 9-2 Noble Demand, 11-2 Exeteche, 13-2 Felcon Sale, 7-1 Yaltshed,

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Falcon Sale: Won a claiming hardle in France in June, Failed to run on when left in front on debut here at Bangor and has worn birkors since, second to useful Newarre Samson at Exeter and never duringerous behind a stable companion at Cheltenham Fields Of Omagin: Pair but inconsistent on Flat, wriner over time! in September, Wealth 16-1, tailed-off last of nine on hundling debut in a good race at Cheltenham Fiver Realt Won over time! on British debut in a good race at Cheltenham Fiver Realt Won over time! on British debut in novice hundle at Hersford (2m11, good) Inch Perfect: Fair form at 2m2! on first of two runs on Flat this summer. Weakened halfway when pulled up (25-1) in novice hundle at Hersford (2m11, good) in October Lewyer's Dreem: Soon beetlen when taided off at Uttoetler (2m, soft) on racing debut Measter Cesterr Fair form at 71 to tim2! on Flat for Mrs Remaden. Placed over hundles at Ludlow and Windsor, beatlen 11 lengths when that (Yajished 2 lengths further back) to Mothers Help at Windsor (good to soft). Will have to improve on that Milled: Showed ability on the Flat as a 2ya, but disappointing at 3 except when third over tim?! In August, Probably best watched on his hundling debut. Noble Demand: Fairly useful on Flat, Has also shown plenty of ability over hundles, behind wide-margin winners Katarino at Newbury (good) and Miss Orphan at Ascot (2m, good to soft). This looks a much easier task and be should be placed at least

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usury numbered when unseating rider at the tract in setting hundle at Taurition VERDICT: TALES OF BOUNTY and Nobie Demand were two of the best of these on the Pat and their third and fourth places behind Miss Orphen at Ascot are the best hundles form on offer here it would not be a great surprise to see their placings reversed, but Tales OI Bounty clearly has the edge on their performances that day. Ton Padding-tion has decord Flat form to recommend him, while there is also the significant possibility of a second improved display from Yajtahed with the application of blinkers.

1.50 TATTERSALLS (IRELAND) MARES' NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) £5,500 added 2m Penalty Value £3,701 

-5 declared -BETTING: 2-1 Slessinghurst Flyer, 9-4 Fortrie Rosie Dawn, 7-2 Solazzi, 16-1 Peart's Chokes, 16-1 Killione River 1897: Mrs Em 5 10 12 T J Murphy evens fav (P Nicholis) 5 ran

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shurst Flyer. Unseeted inder on two of her last four starts but won handicaps (2m, statingfursh typer, traseappe noter on two of her test not spars but won randeaps gam-good; both this season) at Hardord and Ludlow on the other two. Only a low-grade per-former and apparently faces a staffish task under penalties here, but she looks clearly the most thely to give her running – if she gets round sofely. Pearl's Choice: 2m-11 where over tences in May, but pulled up both starts since 3m rather than 2m would seem more her trip on past evidence. Acts on soft ground Fortha Rosle Dewit: Faller on three of last 6 starts, but reproduction of form required to he second Climit with the manneappen last term would use her become in contention. be second (2m4), solf) on reappearance last term would see her bang in contention KUTone River: Very little form in novice chases and first-time blinkers look a last resort Solazzi: Has the most ability of these judged by her first-ame-out win in novice hurdle at Winganton (Zm6), good to soft) in March. Did not reproduce that form and the step down

VERDICT: The value selection could wall be SOLAZZI, who won when tresh last season. Statinghurst Flyer has plenty of waight but is in form, while Fortria Rose Dawn (trained by Veneta Williams, who has such a good strike rate) is the other one to con-

2.20 SUNLEY BAY CONDITIONALS' HANDICAP CHASE (E) £4,500 added 3m 1f 110yds Penalty Value £3,126 

—7 declared —

BETTING: 5-2 The Cockerton, 7-2 Kinnehalla, 8-2 Eksus, 13-2 Decytorg, 7-1 Sharp Thyre, 8-1 Koo's Proviss, 10-1 Kilmington
1997: No corresponding race

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Decyborg: Won twice over fences early last year and then won staying hurdles. Has the ability to defy the burden in this grade and a danger to the supposedly fitter rivals Klinnlegton: Liked this course in his hurdling days and better chance today after the latest distant 3rd to hotget Greavenor in testing ground at Fontwell. Better ground here will also suit, though stable out of louch at present. Sharp Thyres Won staying burdle at Hereford in September and stayed on when 6th On My Toes at Tauriton last time. Previously a winning pointer but frash't really looked the part of late and best watched Kinnahalla: Decent hurdler with a Sandown win last season and came from a hot Chebrahawn hurdle to win over tences at Ludiow ficest Dencetityoudro? I enothed. Had

tenham hundle to win over tences at Ludiow (beat Dencetifyoudrop 7 lengths). Had shown earlier promise over tences but needs to improve to reverse course running with

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Eleuss: Over a trip too short at Hereford last time (5th to Builders Boy in amateurs' race) after the course win (2m5f) from Hum In Haw and Kobs Promise. Leading chance at the weights and has won over 3m at Windsor

The Codestroot Good win at Southwell after a lengthy lay-off and trip too short at Plumpton afterwards when time 2nd to Piper's Rock (shade unjudky here test time). Under a length 2nd to Derrymore Mist over C/D last time with Rinnahalla (same lerms) over Blonoths addit in 4th.

ise: Usually runs wall on the course (both wins here) but trip a problem.

Koo's Promise: Usually runs wall on the course (both wins more) out up a Only 2b better with Eleaus for the 13 lengths beating here (2m5i) lest month VERDICT: Kinnahalia is the youngest member of the party and won in fine style at Ludlow but she sail has to improve again to reverse course running with The Cockertoo, who has a time chance with this staying ability and with Joe Tozzard booked. The race is very tappy and the value could be had with EKEUS, a winner on the course and with talented northern-based Richard McGrath booked.

2	2.50	CERNE ABBAS 'NH' NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) (DIV II) £3,000 added 2m 6f Penalty Value £2,066
1	061P/5	CEANNAIRE (18) (P Wirkworth) P Wirkworth 8 ft 0
2	PPP-OP	CHURCH FIELD (16) (Bruce Berham) C Popham 6 ti 0
3	3-2	DEVONSHIRE (36) (Bif) (Robert Ogden) Miss V Williams 5 71 0
4	20-3	DUNBURY PLYER (13) (Grahem Delziel) J Old 6 11 0 J Osborne

4	20-3	DUNBURY PLYER (13) (Graham Delziel) J Old 6 11 0 J Osbori
5	004-F0	EASTDON GOLD DUST (30) (M A Swift) FI Baker 5 ti O.,
6	206-60	GURU RINPOCHE (27) (PATylor) R Frost 8 tl 0 J Fro
7	206-0	SEEF (30) (Mrs S Horton) J King 4 11 0
a	3/406-	SILVER SIROCCO (234) (F. J. Samsbury) Mrs. M. Jones 6 Ti O
9	2503	STEEPLES LAD (21) (Mrs Lome Berryman) N Twiston-Davies 5 ft 0
10	0000-0	THE ISLANDER (22) (A G F Leather) G Bailding 5 11 0
Ħ	3-3	UPHAM LORD (14) (The Brushmekers) P Hobbs 6 ti O G Tomp
2		YEOMAN SAILOR (35) (Mrs. Jill Eymon & Mr. Robin Byrrorn) Mrs. J. Pitman 4 ti O. D. Lael
13	460PP-	QUEEN OF THE SUIR (196) (R L Scorgle) N Mitchel 9 to 6
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BETTING: 11-4 Devanshire, 3-1 Steeples Lad, 7-2 Upham Lord, 6-1 Dumbury Flyor, 12-1 Silver Siroc-

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ire: Insh bumper winner but beaten a long way behind Browjoshy at Towces

Ceannaine: Insh bumper winner but beaton a long way behind Browjoshy at Towcester (2m5f) on reappearance.
Church Field: Modest in bumpers and pulled up in Towcester hurdle 18 days ago Devorshifter. Encountered testing ground at Perth last season (3rd to Frosty Light) and should be filter for his 2nd to Frosty Light) and should be filter for his 2nd to Festive Teak in Worcester bumper (flopped at Kempton afterwards) and trip too short on hurdles debut when 3rd to Elegant Des Cosses at Exeter (2m1f). Sure to do better over this type of stamma test.
Eastdon Gold Dust: Has given the impression he wants a test of stamina, but may do better when returned to handcaps.
Gazu Riapocha: Ex-bumper performer (2nd to Martin Pipes Kinsford Rosa here on debut) but besten a long way behind Mystere at Ultoweer (2m6f) tast time.
Seet: Fawcurite on bumper debut (besten 20 lengths by Perfect Fellow) and wall besten on hurdles debut at Eisster (race won by Ashley Muck). Longer trip to suit loday.
Silver Sincocci Looked slow over hurdles lest term after bumper runs and best watched on reappearance.

on reappearance.
Steeples Ladt Slow in bumpers and 2m5t trip insufficient stamma test at Ludiow on reappearance when 18 lengths 3rd to Native Recruit. This stiffer course can only be

to he advantage The lelander: Still task on hurdles debut in Hidebounds race at Newbury (2m11) after

The automoter Soft task on nurses occur in repeatories at newbury (2mit) aren't three bumper runs lest season. Can do better for this step up in trip.

Uphatm Lord: Promising 3rd to Netive Speaker in Newbury bumper last season and stem test over hurdes here when a 7 length 3rd to Buck's Patace. Leading chance Yeoman Saffor: Creditable bumper runs at Huntingdon and Ascot and better for his hurdes debut at Stratford (8th to Kingsmark, 2m6f).

Queen Of The Suir: Without a run since May and impossible to fancy on form

concerned the ground was too heavy and she pulled too hard,

en when well backed in big their form."

but I can't really find anything wrong with Seven Towers the Hennessy was a strange race, a lot of horses ran below

VERDICT: There was plenty to the about DUNBURY FLYER'S bumper showing at Worcester last season and this longer trip is made-to-measure after his pleasing showing over hurdles at Exeter a fortright ago. Devonshire haits from an in-torm yard and may well go close, slong with Upham Lord, Steeples Laid and Yeoman Sallor. The best outsider is The Islander now that he gets a more suitable trip.

3.20 SOMERSET HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £6,000 added 2m 5f Penalty Value £4,202 

Minimum weight: 10st. True mendicap weight: Oliver Duckett Set 7th.
BETTING: 5-2 King Of Spenta, 7-2 Hold Your Ranks, 5-1 Metstock Meggie, Quango, 11-2 South
ton, 8-1 Oliver Ducket, 2-0 Full Of Bounce
1997: Na corresponding race

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King Of Sparta: Looks suspect in a finish but retains planty of toe. Followed up Taumon win to overhauf Piper's Rock (task-fence mistake) over today's C/D, cause also helped by Noisy Minor's departure two out. Allo higher here but still the one to beat Metabock Megglic Bumper and hunde winner for Jenny Pitman and then Charlie Brockstrained when a Warwick chase scorer on disqualification of Avanta Express last season. Can be expected to be a lot sharper for her 6th to Eleus here (2m5f) last month Quenge: Not the hardlest in 8 finish and pulled up over hundles after his 2nd to Coolteen Last et al. (2m5f) Talento (1m5f). Talento the cool text to a fit blee.

Heru at Plumpton (2m), Today's longer hip is no certainty to suit him. Hold Your Ranke: Goes well when the ground is testing and finds this trip ideal. 6th higher mark for his Novion Abbot win last March and hes won when fresh in the past Southempton: Well handicapped on his best form, his latest win at Ascot being off a

Social annuals with intercupped on his best form, his latest win at Ascot peng off a 12b higher mark. Off the course last season and latest two starts have been in stronger races. Likely to go well here with 8 capable claimer abound Full Of Bounce: Fan well to 3rd last in Mountain Path's race at Worcester last week even with some dodgy jumping. Could just surprise some of these off a lenient mark. Offiver Dudkett: Confessed sellers prior to being no match for Wishing William at Taurion three weeks ago. May again struggle

VERDICT: King Of Sparta is in great heart and the one to beat after his latest win over the course and distance. His turn of foot has to be respected but Toby Balding's SOUTHAMPTON is very well handicapped and takes a drop in class after Chettenham and Newbury. He also has a highly competent 7th claimer aboard and the stable is

3.50 MANSTON HANDICAP HURDLE CLASS E) 23,500 added 2m Penalty Value £2,724 -9 deckared -BETTING: 3-1 Neat Feat, 9-2 Torn Silk, 5-1 Punkah, 6-1 Nazar, 8-1 Junz, Robert's Toy, Walk On By,

FORM GUIDE

Next Feat: Gened second win on the course when bearing Advance East and de-cent 2nd at Ascot afterwards to the back to-form Real Estate. Beffer ground will help body, as will the weaker opposition. Torm Silic Never got into race won by Easter Ross here and srift lash when 3rd to Kin-nescrish and Caulicer at Haydock afterwards. Has more matterly about the property of the course when the course we have the course of th

Torn Silic Never got into race won by Easter Ross here and stiff task when 3rd to Kinnescash and Caulier at Haydock afterwards. Has more realistic chance this time Shaphends Reat: Not Immself task season and an badly at Leicester on reappearance when pulled up in Once More For Luck's race.

Jurz: Progressive writing hunder and chaser until forced to miss all of last season, well handicapped and no surprise if he improves greatly on his comeback outing at Leicester (weakened halfway and tailed off) behind Once More For Luck Robert's Tory: Formerly trained by Martin Pipe, with latest wirts gained in sellers. May have found 2m6f too far last time when tailed oft behand Native Field at Newton Abbot Nazir: Regularly rums on this course and neck 2nd to Little Joe in October. Carried big weight last time when 0.28 lergibly 7th to Brush With Time.

Purilicah: Won some decent races early last season and well weighted. Form disappointing of late but a threat to them all if returning to his best when the article of the late in the last when in second spot. 2to better with Nazir roday and sure to be better for Chettenham run on reappearance.

Stoneoutter: Narrow wriner of Uttoerter seller almost two years ago and hard to fancy on this return from a lengthy lay-off VERDICT: Dual course wriner NEAT FEAT won off a 7to lower handicap mark on the course last month and he came across a rejuvenated Real Estate at Ascot lest use on sticky ground. He holds a fine chance in this weaker grade and on a surface sure to aut him better. Walk On 59 was in a hot race at Cheltenham on his reappearance and may prove himself a better stayer in his second spell, while Torm Sift is another dropped in class after his latest outing at Hoydock.

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HYPERION

1.00 Sadler's Secret 1.30 Saras Delight 2.00 Brookhampton Lane 2.30 Capenwray 3.00 Burundi 3.30 Nessun Doro GOING: Chase course - Good; hurdle course - Soft.

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LEADING JOCKEYS: A P McCoy 18-52 (208%). A Maguire 12-55 (218%). M A Pitzgerald 9-47 (191%). J Osborne 7-36 (194%).

ELANORITES: 67 wins in 257 races (339%).

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BETTING: 7-2 Errigal, 9-2 Stingray, 5-1 Sadier's Secret, 0-1 Court Ordeal, 13-2 Gold-en Hawk, 6-1 Saxon Victory, 12-1 Ivorien, 16-1 others FORM VERDICT

The Amitations of such as Enrigat and Section Victory are elegable becoming apparent and the Pipe runner Sadlar's Secret may do best of those with hurding expenence. But in what looks an ordinary event it may pay by go along with STINGRAV, who was the Inglest-trade of these on the Fist and is sure to have been well prepared by Veneta Waterns. Golden Hawk is another hur-

1.30 JOHN O'GAUNT MAIDEN CHASE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m 7f 110yds 

PETTING: 2-1 Seras Delight. 7-2 Perent Bridge, 5-1 Proppero, 11-2 Caras Rose, 10-1 Chatergold, Morsoon Man. 12-1 About Turn, 20-1 others

FORM VERDICT Prospero has the best hunding form, but SARAS DELIGHT is entitled to the vote having shaped mostly on his classing debut over C&D less month. The winning pointers Chatergold and Monsoon Man might be worth trading in the market, but Peavett Bridge would not look a strong Pipe challenger.

2.00 BARKBY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS G) \$2,500 added 2m 4f 110yds 

FORM VERDICT

Only a handful worth considering and SOUTH WEST EXPRESS, from a sta-ble that has done well fits season, con repeat last year's success in this event. The Minder, last months Teuriton without Killing Time and Belmorel Princess may be his mein rivals. 2.30 49'S MALLAND FATTERS, 000 added 2m 4f

SETTING: 1-2 Capanway, 11-4 Cambrov, 6-1 Ballyline, 33-1 Cyborg De Beautai FORM VERDICT

49'S MALLARD PAWNBROKERS HANDICAP

Another excellent opportunity for CAPENWRAY to continuo his winning spree with most of the opposition having meltod away at the overright stage.

3.00 KNIGHTON NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) 0114-0 NORMANEY ROAD (NZ) (F77) G McCourt 7 11 12... FORM VERDICT It will be interesting to see A there is any support for either Lovennan or Normanby Road, who are having their first run in Britain. But failing positive support for either ore-run of the battle Burundi and DACHA fought out here last month is the most likely outcome. With a 7th pull Decha is orbitted to gain his

3.30 WALTHAM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDI-CAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m

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FORM VERDICT This looks like a no-bet handicap open despite the numbers, with nothing in any way commoding ILLUMINATE gots a token vote despite womes about his threats, having run some solid modes oil similar marke in soft-ground hand-icaps less season.

#### **Bailey bailed**

KIM BAILEY, the Lambourn trainer, has been charged over allegations that he conspired with a private investigator to commit hurglary. He has been bailed to appear at Bow Street on 17 December. Bailey was initially arrested in October and released without charge.

Soaked, a well-backed 2-1 favourite, failed to land his 10th win in handicap company this year when finishing fourth at Wolverhampton yesterday.



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# Tudor shows makings of a future king

POMMIE BASHING is a BY DEREK PRINGLE favourite pastime in Australia in Perth whatever the occasion. On an Ashes tour, it can reach epidemic proportions, with Aussies of both sexes sticking the verbal boot in. And yet every so often one of the English players manages to escape the derision and win over the locals. Four years ago, Darren Gongh was the chosen one. This time it is Alex Tudor who has managed to corner the small market in affection for the old enemy.

The 21-year-old Tudor, you may recall, was picked in England's tour party to learn. A fast wler who spent much of last mmer nursing a stress fracture of the foot, Tudor was not expected to play much of an active part in the Test series. Fortunately, as tends to happen to most of England's plans, this ooe got torn up, and Tudor, a quick learner, made an impressive debut in the second Test in Perth.

Primarily a fast bowler, Tudor also impressed with his accuracy and he took five wickets, including the notable scalps of Steve and Mark Waugh. Naturally the pace and steep bounce of the pitch helped, but Tudor never once looked out of piece, something that could be said for many of his

"Obviously I was overjoyed to make my debut and chuffed to have Steve Waugh as a first Test wicket," he said as England prepared to leave Perth for Melbourne, where they play Victoria on Saturday. "To be bonest, it was a bit of a surprise to me that I was even on the tour. I remember switching on Ceefax, not to see if I was picked, but to see what players did make it. But now I'm here, attn't come for a holiday."

Being pitched in so soon, the

in Perth

couldn't wait to get the ball in my hand."

In fact, the England captain apart, Tudor looked untroubled during his unbeaten 18, an impression he credits to working hard with Graham Gooch, as well as Mark Ramprakash, a man he refers to as his "own little batting coach".

"So often the tail's footwork has been static," he explains. "So I've been working hard to keep my footwork nimble and my knees bent." But if the tail's contribotion with the bat has been a source of contention, it was with the ball that Tudor was always going to be judged.

If the nerves do not paralyse, there is always the temptation for debutants to reach beyond their grasp. Fortunately, Tudor recognised a moment when he was trying to bowl too fast and reined back. But if this showed

When Dad and his mates get together they talk your ears off about cricket, so I've become used to listening'

maturity beyond his experience, there was a moment when when it could have all

gone horribly wrong. Still wicketless, Tudor was asked to take the second new ball into the "Doctor" - the notorious wind that blows at the WACA. Sensing an opportunity to attack, Steve Waugh took three fours off him. It was a calculated assault and many would have been broken by it.

Tudor was not and he re-

"There was a time when I would have moaned and effed and blinded over such treatment. But Steve Bull, the team psychologist, has helped me a lot with that. As I now see it I've got lots of balls at my disposal, while the hatsman has one mistake before he's hack in

the pavilion. There is the makings of a wise young head there, but England have pitched young fast bowlers into Ashes tours before - with mixed results. In 1970-71. Bob Willis came out as a replacement and made his Test dehut, going on to become England's leading strike bowler for the next 14 years. Twelve years later Norman Cowans, bowled quick for four Tests, before settling for medium pace and a career in county

If ambition plays a key part in shaping destiny, Tudor is more likely to follow the Willis route than the one taken by

"I've always wanted to be a fast bowler," he says, candidly admitting that his elder brother, Raymond, was the one with the talent. Five years older, Raymond was also on the Surrey staff before breaking down with a double stress fracture of

Like many children growing up in England, Tudor did not have regular access to cricket at school. "We probably had four or five games a term." recalls Tudor, who went to school in Wandsworth. In fact it was his father's enthusiasm for the game that acted as his main inspiration, and he remembers being taken down to Alf Gover's indoor school with his brother for an hour on Satur-

\*Coming from Barbados. Dad, like most West Indians, fast bowler did not really have torted not by banging it in short knows his stuff. He was good get together they talk your ears these bowlers in him, not least time to get nervous. "I only -beloved by many fast bowlers enough when he was younger found out in the morning, so I - but by pitching it up. Expect- to be invited to have trials for used to listening." he says with wasn't too bad. It helped that we ing something else, Waugh's Barbados. When he moved to a chuckle. But if that is fairly unbatted first, especially as I was footwork was a mess and the England he played for London typical of modern youth, the fact on to young players starting out. able to make a contribution ball nipped back to hit the top Transport and the Barbados that he neither smokes nor is keen to play down any comand the runs definitely allowed of middle and off to give Tudor Cavaliers." Now father, like drinks, stands him apart. me to settle. After that I a memorable first Test scalp. son, works at the Oval and

day mornings.



both he and Tudor's mother are expected here for Christmas. For a young man Tudor has

a reputation as a good listener, and when not picking up tips from England's bowling coach, Bob Cottam, he speaks to his father by phone almost every other day:

"When Dad and his mates off about cricket, so I've become that he is 6ft 5in tall and a strap-His role models are the West being.

Indies quicks from the early Eighties, bowlers like Joel Garner, Michael Holding, Malcolm Marshall, and Courtney Walsh. Indeed, he often talks to Walsh and Marshall, hoping for pointers.

Anyone who saw him bowl at the WACA, could not have failed to see there are elements of all wary of the expectations thrust parisons, at least for the time

"He's a young lad and I don't he also thought, by way of want to go overboard about criticism, that the selectors him," Gooch said. "At the mowould probably "stick him ment he's just clinging to that back in the deep freezer when you get to Adelaide, as they bottom rung of the Test match ladder. Ohvlously he's shown normally do". good potential and maturity He has a point. Horses for and we're delighted with that. courses may be an appropriate He's worked hard at both his motto when you have the rich-

technique and his fitness." of a good fast bowler. Mind you, needed to win the race.

es to follow it. but England are

If Gooch is justifiably cau not as blessed as their oppotious in his outlook, it still nents. In fact when a potential ping 15st. Yet Graham Gooch, takes a lot to impress an thoroughbred is discovered. Aussie on his home patch. Ian and Tudor has the makings, he Chappell, never one to pass must be allowed his head in all round the compliments, said manner of conditions. Only he felt Tudor had the makings theo will he discover what is

### Sprinter **Jones** feels the pressure

#### ATHLETICS

MARION JONES yesterday admitted to feeling the pressure of expectation on her to break the world sprint records of the late Florence Griffiths Joyner.

Her comments came after she woo the Jesse Owens Memorial Award on Tuesday night as the outstanding woman athlete in the United States this year.

"I think the world records are possible, but I'm not going to say they're going to happen." the 23-year-old athlete said. "Before my career ends, maybe they will happen. But I don't need the pressure [of thinking about them]."

Joyner, who was known as Flo Jo and died earlier this year, set records of 10.49sec for the 100m and 21.34 sec for the 200m. This year, Jooes ran 10.65 and 21.62.

Jones has been competing full time for only 18 months. She, along with the men's Oweos Award winner John Godina, and some other young athletes, are being counted on to resurrect the sport in America.

"Track and field in the United States is in a terrible state," she said. "But the idea of the younger athletes trying to bring the sport back to the popularity of years ago is unfair. We can run fast, jump high and throw far, but somebody else has to contribute to hring back the sport. That's too much pressure [for us].

Godina agreed, "It's unfair to heap the problems in the sport on people who were not there when the problems began," Godina, 26, said. "It's a challeoge, but I think it can be brought back."

Jones won 36 consecutive finals in the 60m. 100m, 200m, 400m and long jump during the 1998 season before finishing second to Germany's Heike Drechsler in the long jump at the World Cup in Johanneshurg. South Africa. Godina was world leader in two events. He huried the shot putt 21.78m and threw the discus 69.9m.

Because of their prowess, the two are among the most highly sought track and field athletes in the world, but plan to compete less in 1999 than they did this year.

Since the 200m is the only one of Jones' three major events that will be a Grand Prix eveot pext year, she plans to conceotrate on that race leading up to the World Champiouships in Seville, Spain. There, she will go for four golds medals - in the 100m, 200m, long jump and a relay. She will miss the entire indoor season.

Godina will throw at only three indoor meets, including the USA Championships at Atlanta and the World Champiooships at Maebashi, Japan. He then will compete on a limited basis on the lucrative European circuit, so he will be at his peak in his quest for a shot-discus double at the World Championships.

## Stewart calls on father's expertise to recover form

his father, Micky, in an attempt defeat inside three days. to iron out the flaws in his hatting which have prevented the handful of players at optional England captain making an oets at the WACA yesterday impact during the opening two Ashes Tests.

Stewart has made just one half century in eight first-class innings on tour and 49 runs in his four Test appearances at the stumps, completing a miserable match in Perth with a secondinnings duck to hasten Eng- since arriving in Australia.

ALEC STEWART has turned to . land's slide to a seven-wicket

and utilised the expertise of his father, the former England coach, who is in Australia on holiday to watch his son's first Ashes series as captain. The pair had two sessions and spent time talking together about Stewart Jor's technical flaws

However, he was one of a

"We always have a couple of "We usually get together before a tour and again after a tour just to have a look at things and how he's playing."

The captain has never scored a century against Australia and averages a mere 25 in Ashes games compared with 41 against other opponents; of only nine single-figure scores made seven have come against them.

FORM VERDICT

A market move for long-absent injectabuck would be significant - Km Bailey has landed the odd gamble in similar circumstances in the past -but his tack of experience over lences a worry, and this probably rests between Philatelia and SCOBIE GIRIL. The last named could be well in and, though lacking a recent outing, the booking of Alan Dempsey is a

1.40 FAREWELL NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) (DIV ii) £3,000 added 2m

Yet he insisted yesterday sessions a year." Micky said. that he was not over-concerned about his form. "He [Micky] knows my game better than anyone so it makes sense to use him while he's here."

Stewart's Surrey team-mate Graham Thorpe was also at the oets struggling to rediscover the brilliant form which marked his start to the tour, but was interrupted by fresh concerns in an unbroken run of 30 Tests, about his troublesome hack Thorpe had surgery during

long flight from Brisbane to Perth for the secood Test he woke up the following day with stiffness which restricted his mobility. After four days' rest and acupuncture treatment, Thorpe returned to the nets vesterday in an attempt to prove his fitness for this weekend's match against Victoria in

last summer to correct the back spasms which had dogged

him for over a year, but after the

tion, providing his hack stands up to today's three and a half hour flight.

"I feel as if I have been playing fine on the tour," Thorpe said, "but it gets a little bit frustrating when you have to sit down for a few days and miss out. I have to keep working oo it will he fine again playing on my fitness to build my stamina a day to day basis but at the up to get through games on a moment I am working bloody regular basis. The reason you hard to get through it all."

He came through unscathed get frustrated by it is because to put himself in line for selecyou don't really know what's

"The operation I had two and a half months ago came after 10 years of playing virtually constant cricket but it gets to a stage where maybe it's a little blt harder doing that.

"Maybe in six mooths' time

#### WINDSOR

12.40 NEMISTO (nap) 1.10 Hawaiian Youth (nb) 1.40 Floristan 2.10 River Leven 2.40 Queen's Ride 3.10 Grasp The Nettle 3.40 Another Night GOING: Good to Soft (Good on top loop).

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Level, with sharp turns, and long straights.

Course is N cl town on A308 near junction 5 of MA. Stations at Windsor Reverside sor Central (service from London, Paddington) and Windsor Riverside (service from London, Waterloo) in River bus stops at course, ADMISSION: Cuch £14; Tattersalls £10; Silver Ring £4. CAR PARK: Club £2;

Permainder £1.

LEADING TRAINERS: K Bailey 15-46 (326%), N Henderson 8-39 (20%), Mias H Knight 8-39 (136%), A Turnell 6-30 (20%), JE Titley 8-47 (17%), ELEADING JOCKEYS: M A Fizzgerald 10-50 (20%), JF Titley 8-47 (17%), A P McCoy 7-29 (241%), M Richards 7-71 (99%), FAVOURITES: 64-234 (359%) BLINKERED FIRST TIME: None.

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FORM VERDICT A couple of interesting possibilities, notably Super Monarch, among the Urraced/lightly-cased types, but GRECIAN DART has acquitted himself well enough in stronger company recently to suggest that he will be diffi-cult to beat at this level. Nemisto should get into the money.

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BETTING: 5-2 Copper Coin, 4-1 Florintam, 9-2 Dragon Lord, 6-1 Bronhallow, 8-1 Banjo Hill, 10-1 Silpetream, 16-1 Poter School, 20-1 others Markedly the weaker of the two divisions of the event, and probably with-in the capabilities of lightly-raced COPPER COIN, who can improve on

2.10 BDO STOY HAYWARD HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2m BETTING: 6-4 Buckland Lad, 13-8 Beyond Our Reach, 11-2 Robins Pride, 6-1 River Leven, 25-1 Machalini.

An interesting title race. Filiness could be the key, and ROBINS PRIDE, who should lack nothing in this respect and is well in on the pick of his form last season, is just preferred to Buckland Lad. 2.40 OMEGA MARES HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £4,000 addad 2m

BETTING: 4-7 Heart, 15-8 Queen's Ride, 14-1 Miles Pannyhill, 20-1 Rosehall.

FORM VERDICT It is difficult to get away from the front two in the betting. Stoutly-bred Queen's Ride would probably appreciate a stiffer test of stamma, and may strug-gle to get to HEART, who made much of the running last time and ap-

3.10 HUGGY BEAR NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) 24,000 added 3m - 10 declared BETTING: 11-6 Tompetoo, 5-2 Grasp The Nettin, 7-2 Jazzmen, 10-1 Ivory Coester, 12-1 Stepasideboy, 20-1 Operatio, Saturatino, 25-1 others FORM VERDICT

An unattractive betting medium, with grounds for opposing all the principals – Greep The Nettle may require softer going, Jezzman is from a yard out of form and TOMPETOO, who is the clear pick on hurding form. not looking a restural at this game. The lest-named is a tentative choice in the hope that he will have teamed from his first experience.

RICHARD EDMONDSON Nap: Mile A Minute (Windsor 3.40) NB: Sudest (Windsor 12.40)

3.40 NORWEGIAN BLUE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS F) £2,500 added 2m 4f 00-250 PRAIRE MINSTREL (20) (C) R Down 4 10 7 ..... QP86- CHARLIE BANKER (338) K Burle 6 10 4 ...... 

13 060406 SOVEREIGN (8) J Parvert 4 10 0 ...... - 1a declared - Minimum weight: 10st True handicep weights: Cambo Set 10th, Cohuell Set 8th, Ning's Gold Set, Sovereum 8st 9th. Gold Sat, Soveregn 8st Sto. BETTING: 7-2 Another Night, 4-1 Dragon King, 5-1 Nordensk, 15-2 Foreign Rule, 6-1 Genmin, Prairie Minstret, 10 / Recall, Cantho, 16 others

FORM VERDICT A weak race. Nordansk ran well on his hurding return, but ANOTHER NIGHT might have a title improvement in him noden more patiently and his stamma will not tage too severe an examination here.

CATTERICK Going: Good (Good to Firm in places)

1.00: (2m 3f handicap hurdle)
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2. Golden Thundertook \_R McCrath 11-1
3. Steeting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ E Husband 14-1
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21 rgn. \*/1, 7, 1\*/1. (Winner bay mare by Supreme Leader out of Lochadoo, trained by Mrs M Revolley at Satistum for W H Strawson). Tota: £390; £180, £240, £360, £1000. DF: £3480. CSF: £5102. Till-

1.30: (2m seling handicap hurdle)
1. DORIANS WAY \_\_\_\_\_\_N Hermity 12-1
2. Parnocras Lord \_\_\_ A Dobbin 9-2 it fav
3. Ley The Blame \_B Handing 9-2 it fav
4. Squire's Occasion ....N Horrocks 20-1 Squitre's Occasion ....N Horrocks 20-1 Also: 11-2 Lord Pat did not finish, 8-1 Hark-ness Warrior did not finish, Neronien did not finish, 12-1 Public Way. 16-1 Finitiock, One Stop (5th), 20-1 Eurolink The Rebel (6th). 20-1 Hibermate, Kathyriann, 25-1 Broadgate Flyer, Milling Brook, Royal Circus did not fin-ish, 33-1 Eurotwist did not finish, Members Welcome. 100-1 Wartiffa Welcome, 100-1 Wycitfa. Welcome, IU-1 vycame. 19 ran. 1½, 1½, 1½, 1½, 1½, 1½, 10, 5 (Winner bay geloling by Jeu De Paille out of Gold Besh, trained by G Moore at Middehem for Mrs Aurie O'Sullivan). Tota: £28,00; £43,0; £16,0. £43,0. £16,0. £43,0. £16.

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RACING RESULTS Also: 5-1 No Snoes No News (5th), 8-1 Stp Venture, 11-1 Prolette, 16-1 Happy Days, 20-1 Wynbury Flyer, 40-1 Jagodth, 50-1 All Our Blessings (8th), 50-1 Asprilia, 100-1 Pin-sharp. 12 ran. 2 7, 3½, 12, 10. (Winner Chestruit gelding by Gone West out of Bernissed, trained by Mrs M. Raweley at Sathburn for P D Savilly Tote: 51.70; £10, £5.70, £3.50, OF; £12.10, CSF: £2725.

£142.41. Tricast: £3,44409.

\$1.20, \$2.30, \$2.50 DF: \$21.80 CSF: \$33.08.

Jackpot: not won, pool of \$7,494.75 carned forward to Lacester today. Placepot: £14290. Quadpot: £4490. Place 6: £86201. Place 5: £19716.

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1.10: 1. NATIVE CHARM () A McCarthy) 10-11 tay: 2. Gorman 11-4; 3. Normania 10-1. 4 rgn. 12, 11/h. (C Morlock, Wantage). Tota: 0170 DF: E240. CSF: \$325. 1.40: 1. WHIPPERS DELIGHT IM: I Mon-garil 9-2; 2. Cavaliero 10-17 fav: 3. Wood-lands Beau 13-8. 4 ran. 4. del. (G Charles-Jones. Wantagel Tote: E890. DF: 5300. CSF: £876.

2.10: 1. PHAR LESS HASSLE (T J Murphy)
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7-1: 13 ran. 4, 13. (T McGovern, Haywerds
Heath; Botte 5670: 5140 5150 5150 DF: 5360
CSF: 5639.
2.40: 1. SCAVO (J Cutoty) 9-2: 2. Time Word!
Wast 11-4: 3. Royal Moustbrowne 15-1 6 ran.
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2. Nite Owler 53-1; 3. Krystal Max 9-2: 13
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£170: £240: DF: £10.70: £5:1; 15:0;
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4-1; 3. Kolby 2-1; 12 ran, 5-2 fax Payeer 5th,
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54.30. DF: \$25.70 CSF: £424 NR: Maris Dream
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2. Opera Buff 5-1; 3. Royal Routette 16-1
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2. Be Warmed 6-1; 3. Weetman's Weigh 6-1; 12 rain. 5-2 fay Yeann Offver, hd. 1/h. (R Whitaker), Tokie: £9.70; £3.40, £280, £320 DF: £36.70. CSF: £4684 Tricast: £25361 NR: Huntswood.

SSA70. CSF: £46.84 Tricaist: £255.61. NR: Huntswood.
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Plecapot: \$250.50. Quadrpot: \$4450. Place 6: \$24151. Place 5: \$114.99.

## Kenwright's passion play

AS BILL KENWRIGHT began By GUY HODGSON the enormous task of raising the cash to huy Everton Football Club yesterday his mind went hack to the man who was to blame. Mr Parry was his name, and he unwittingly played a significant part in this week's events when he took a pupil to Goodison to see the club'a reserves draw 1-1 with Chesterfield in the early 1950s.

"If at the age of five or six I'd become a red my whole life would have changed," Kenwright, 53, said, sounding almost regretful. Instead that mysterious emotional jolt that locks football devolion chose blue and means ha is now negotiating to buy part or all of the 68 owned by the former chairman people mentioned in the news-

Peter Johnson, a decision that will require £50m at a conservative estimate.

Last night Kenwright, who has become the club's deputy chairman, was meeting Lord Grantchester, grandson of the former Everton benefactor Sir John Moores. "I wouldn't het against me taking over the club by the end of the season," he said. "Nothing has happened, nlease understand that. We're talking about a phone call on Monday and a couple of conversations. All I can say is if Peter is looking into his shareholding

then I'll be looking into it, too. "Over the last year I have per cent share in the club had inquiries from nearly all the

cnairman before and he has said the club is not for sale. Now be's saying differently and I

have a list of potential backers." Kenwright, along with Ever-ton's reinstalled chairman, Sir Philip Carter, was making his first public appearance since Johnson stepped down on Monday after four and a half years in charge, during which the club has had four managers and flirted regularly with relegation. The club also has reported debts of £20m.

In spring 1994 Kenwright backed out of a struggle with Johnson fearing prolonged un-certainty would damage the chub, but yesterday he said be in the Caribbean, left after a dis-

was the right man to take Ever-ton into the future," he said. Now I'm pretty sure I am."

Even so Kenwright, a former Coronation Street actor who has made his money producing. West End plays, admitted that his heart rather than his head was dictating his actions. "My mum phones me up and says 'son, don't' and Sam Hammam, who is a great friend, rang me up yesterday to say I should think very seriously before I do it. Four years ago my hid included my house, everything I had, so that was the risk. I take risks but I can't think of anything

in life that I'd risk more on." Johnson, who is on holiday was ready to assume control. pute with the club's manager, and Dave Hickson was trans-

papers for me to lead their "Four years ago I wasn't sure I Walter Smith, over the £7m ferred to Aston Villa. I wrote a bids. I have always gone to the was the right man to take Ever- sale of Duncan Ferguson to letter to all the directors saying: Newcastle last week. The decision, taken without Smith's knowledge, infuriated supporters but was defended yesterday

by Kenwright. "I didn't know it was going to happen," he said, "but I would have supported the decision as I would have supported Duncan going last season. There were times, and any Evertonian would have been the same. where you discuss will we ever win anything with the long ball game?' Duncan was a hero of mine but you had to ask yourself would we do better with someone else in the middle?

"The fans' reaction reminds me so much of when I was 11

letter to all the directors saying: You know nothing about football. how can you let him go?' I told them I was boycotting the club, which lasted all of 24 hours. I understand the supporters' fury but there was a part of me that understood." It is that same angry boy who is now attempting to be the dominant force on

the board be chastised. Kenwright wants stability at Everton. He could not put a time frame on any potential takeover - Johnson is understood to he unwilling to sell until February for tax reasons - but be said that money is available if Smith wishes to buy a player. Most of all he wants an end to the bit-

terness of recent weeks. "How many times do you



New regime: Bill Kenwright (left) and Phillip Carter

think I've been on a train at 11 o'clock at night when we've lost? Just think bow many games we've won in the last few years. Bad times, good times, it's like what's good sex, what's bad sex - it's Everton. There's nowhere else I want to be on a Saturday at 3pm. It's an addichon. Bad times? As long as it's

"Of course I desperately want the good times. At Charlton on Saturday before the game I saw Evertonians in the rain with their heads down. They don't look up. You just want to smile, have a laugh again and most of all forget this hideous, hideous talk of violence. That's not Everton. This is not a good club, it's a great club."

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Glynn (left) and Ian Snodin, respectively coach and player-manager at Doncaster Rovers, who are hoping for a full house against Rushden on Saturday

Peter Jay

## Snodins savouring sibling revelry

SUBSTITUTIONS CAN be a tricky business, with the ego of the player hauled off often more bruised than any shin or shoulder. When the protagonists are brothers, as well as being player-manager and coach

respectively, sparks can fly. Ian and Glynn Snodin are not. exactly a footballing Cane and Abel, or even a latterday Jack and Bobby. They did, however, bave what Glynn, the coaching half of the duo, describes as "a bit of a falling-out" during Doncaster Rovers' recent FA Cup match at Southend United. As hefits a story of sibling

revelry, which has brought the brothers back to their first love after careers spent mainly at the highest level, the situation was doubly unusual. Not only were Doncaster, the Football Conference's bottom club, on their way to a rare win that would earn Saturday's secondround home tie against Rushden & Diamonds, but Ian's complaint was that he was being told to stay on.

Glynn, who at 38 is three years Ian'a senior, explained. "At half-time we thought it Doncaster Rovers' FA Cup fortunes are in the hands of two brothers who have known the good times at Belle Vue and beyond. By Phil Shaw

injury. But Southend were coming back into it so I decided we needed his experience. Our strikers had worked hard and one was looking tired. But when the number came up and it wasn't Ian's he didn't like it. I was 100 yards away in the directors' box and could bear every word he said!"

In fact, the brothers' relationship has remained close since they played together as teenagers for Doncaster during Billy Bremner's first spell as manager nearly two decades ago. Ian, who represented England Under-21s while still at Belle Vue, gained a championship medal with Everton and would have won a senior cap in 1989 but for typical ill luck with injury. Glynn served Leeds and Sheffield Wednesday with distinction.

Last season, when Doncaster made the Third Division relegation place their own from the start, the Snodins were at would be him coming off be- Scarborough. Glynn was on

cause he's been playing with an the backroom staff but Ian fortnight away. Ian inherited a played in a poignant match against his old club. "We won 4-0 and I felt really sorry for the Rovers fans. They were shouting: 'Go on Ian, let a goal in.

> The chance to do exactly that came late in the close season. The new owners of the debt-stricken club brought lan in - be still lived in the town and be promptly went back for Glynn. "I wanted him here because he's an exceptional coach," Ian said. "He can boss me around in training because I'm also a player, and I'm happy to do whatever be tells me to. I leave all the substitutions to him on match days too. If I can't trust Glynn, I can't trust anybody."

It was like coming home to a vandalised slum. Doncaster's rusting, rotting ground needed thousands of pounds' worth of work just to get a safety certificate. There were no goal-posts and no balls, no kit or practice facilities. And, with the Conference kick-off only a

squad of five. Most players available on free transfers had been picked up, so be had to improvise. "I watched a lad called Kevin Mc-Intyre play for Tranmere reserves on the Wednesday before our opening match at Dover. On the Friday I took him on loan. We picked him up at Watford Gap. I saw someone who looked like a footballer

and told him to get on the hus." The brothers' return, allied to the end of the despised regime of Ken Richardson, fired the public imagination. Before Doncaster'a first home game, against Southport, the police came to the dressingroom to warn Ian that kick-off would be delayed due to the numbers queuing outside.

"Normally a manager would be unhappy about his preparations being disrupted. I was made up because it showed we had the people behind us. They had gates of 700-odd last season and only got 3,500 for the

final game because people thought there would be no more Doncaster Rovers. We're

averaging that figure in non-League, which is fantastic." The support is all the more impressive in view of the disappointing results. To Glynn, the first eight Conference fixtures were "like the pre-season friendlies we never had", hut the performance at Southend was indicative of the way the side are beginning to gel. Ian agrees: "To see a team we built from scratch beat a League club on their own ground was

an incredible feeling." Among the disparate taleots thrown together are a Tunisian, a Spaniard and a veteran Scot. Steve Nicol, 37 next week, has three FA Cup winners' medals, one from the European Cup, four championship gongs, 27 caps and a Footballer of the Year trophy (as well as the biggest feet in football size 14). His commitment, according to the manager, has been total. "Steve's miles ahead in the

supporters' player of the year rankings. He won more or less everything at Liverpool but, when we were celebrating at Southend, he was leading the

If Nicol thought his days of playing to full bouses were over, the meeting of opposites with Rushden & Diamonds may prove him wrong. "They're the Manchester United of the Conference," said Ian Snodin. "They're miles ahead of everyone in terms of resources. We can't compete with them financially, but we will compete

with them as a team." Glynn is equally determined to bridge the gap, knowing a lucrative third-round tie could make the difference in the push for safety that has become their priority: "The challenge tiere is massive but they couldn't have got two better people to take it on because we're passionate

about Doncaster Rovers. "The fans want success straight away and we do too, though we need to stabilise and survive this season before we can think ahout getting back into the League. But we can see a light at the end of the

## FA to monitor Millwall after crowd trouble

MILLWALL HAVE been found By WYN GRIFFITHS guilty of failing to control spectators following pitch invasions during their match against Manchester City earlier this season, However, the Second Division side have escaped punishment after the incidents during the League match at the New Den on 29 September. The south Londoners bave been warned about their future conduct and the Football Associatioo will continue to monitor the situation with the club.

After a hearing lasting more than six bours, an FA crowd control commission said it was impressed by Miliwall's determination to prevent any further problems. The maich referee. Matt Messias, gave evidence to the commission about the pitch invasions and incideots of coin throwing during the second half of the 1-1 draw.

Police Superintendent Trevor Brydges said there had been four invasions during the game and police had to stop fans reaching players and officials after Manchester City scored a late equaliser. Part of the trouble was blamed oo hooligans from other London clubs attending the game. The bad-tempered match also featured a mass brawl between the opposing players, sparked after City's Tony Vaughan and Millwall's Paul Shaw were sent off

Six other players were booked after the scuffle - three from each side - and a furious City manager, Joe Royle, said at the time: "The home fans were refereeing at times." Royle also claimed some of his players had been spat at and threatened

Of more immediate concern to Royle is securing the ser-

vices of Rolf Landri, the Austrian attacker who turned out for City in a reserve game on Tuesday night and is poised to clinch a move from the Dutch side AZ Alkmaar. The swift right-sided player is seen by Royle as an alternative to Craig Hignett, who joined Barnsley last week. He is available for around £200,000.

The Southampton manager Dave Jones, is giving a trial to the French defender Kwami Hodouto. The 24-year-old Aux erre centre half has been training with the Saints this week and is expected to play for the reserves before Jones makes a decision on whether to make an offer for him. Hodouto, who played for Cannes before joining Auxerre in 1997, is available for a fee of around £300,000.

Southamptoo have also made the first move in their scheme for a new 32,000-seater stadium and have submitted plans to the City Council for a £21m ground to be built within/-

Jean-Michel Ferri has no chance of making his Liverpool debut at Spurs on Saturday. The £1.7m defensive midfielder has been training on his own at the club this week after arriving at Antield short of match fitness. after being out of action for a month because of a dispute over wages with his previous

club, Istanbulspor. The former Bradford City manager, Chris Kamara, had turned down an offer to manage the Barbados national side. Kamara, who was sacked by Sloke City last season, has been busy with television and radio work but wants to return

to domestic management.

### Reimann resigns as Nuremberg coach

WILLI REIMANN resigned as the coach of the German First Division strugglers Nuremberg yesterday, saying be had to devote all his atteolion to his seriously ill wife. Reimann took over just before the start of the season and the club is currently 15th in the 18-team Bundesliga.

This decisioo was especially hard to take because of our difficult situation," said Reimann. "But one of the main factors behind the decision was the idea that the team needs a coach who can devote all his strength to it, unburdened by private problems.

The assistant coach, Thomas

Brunner, will take over tem-

porarily. The Brazilian club, Flamengo, bought large advertising spaces in leading newspapers yesterday to taunt rivals Vasco over their 2-1 World Club title defeat by Real Madrid in Tokyo. "The nalioo congratulates Vasco da Gama for the title of world vice-champions in its centenary year," said the advertisements in several Rio dailies. The ads were signed: Flameogo Regattas Club. World champions", referring to the fact that Flamengo, initially founded as a rowing club, won the title in 1981.

## Earle eager to avoid repeats



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tiledon will not make the same mistake twice after claiming their place in the Worthington Cup semi-finals. The Dons' 2-1 victory over the holders, Chelsea, on Tuesday shattered their London rivals' 19-match unbeaten run and left them just

one tie away from Wembley.

It is a situation that Joe Kinnear's side have found themselves in twice before in recent seasons, including an unfortunate loss to the eventual winners, Leicester City, in the Coca-Cola Cup in 1997. Then Wimbledon appeared to have done the hard work as they earned a 0-0 draw at Filbert Street in the first leg of the semi-final only to lose out in the return match at Selhurst Park. Earle, who opened the scor-

ing on Tuesday is determined

final since their FA Cup triumpt over Liverpool in 1988. "It's important having learnt lessons from last time that we're positive in the first leg," said Earle, who has also seen the Dons heaten 3-0 in the FA

peat itself when the semi-finals

are played in January, as Wim-

bledon seek a first Wembley

Cup last four by Chelsea. "I think we went up to Leicester and tried to mullify the game and got a 0-0 draw that some people thought was a good result. But in effect that worked against us. Leicester came down and got an away goal and that put us under a int

"I think we have to treat each game as a knock-out, go there changes in personnel since the and try and win the game and that takes the pressure off the

couple of years ago and probably didn't do ourselves justice home and away. It'a nice to get another chance

"Some of the bigger teams have been taking it lightly tut for a cluh like Wimbledon it's a great competition and gives us great opportunity to play at Wemblev

We showed what determinatioo means and what it means for the players to get there and for Joe Kinnear whn has done brilliant things over eight years and never quite made a final. It would be magic for Joe to walk out with Wimtiledon at Wembley and we'll

enjoy the day if we get there." There have heen few previous semi-final defeats as Wimbledon struggle to keep

pace in the transfer market. What they do possess, however. is more experience throughout a relatively young squad and Earle believes that will stand them in good stead in the last four. "I think we've got more experience now. A lot of the players have been through that

We've got to remember that a lot of these players are home grown and were 21-22 at that stage. They're now 24-25, they've gnt 180 League games under their belt and they've got hetter mental strength going into the competition.

[losing semi-finals]," he said

"And I think on Tuesday we had a bit mure physical presence with the likes of Marcus Gayle and Carl Leahurn up front, and that is a threat to teams. We wanted to do ourselves justice against Chelsea."

#### Roma fail in attempt to buy Nice

THE PRESIDENT of Nice has decided not to sell the French Second Division football club to the Italian side, Roma.

The club is no longer for sale. We have already lost enough precious time to waste even more," Milan Mandaric said. After talks with Roma officials, Mandaric, an American businessman, decided that a sale to Roma would not be in the club's interest.

He said the club has attracted a new investor despite claims from Rome that a takeover was imminent. The move was inteoded to give second string Roma players experience in the French

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## Coach to back the boot of Dawson

MIKE CATT'S costly miscued conversion against Australia last weekend might have left the Twickenham faithful with the distinct impression that England's goal-kicking was a lit-tle on the dodgy side.

They ain't seen nothing yet. When Clive Woodward's team attempt to deny the Springhoks a record 18th consecutive Test victory on Saturday, the marksmanship really will be on a wing and a prayer. Or rather, a berum-haif and a prayer.

Woodward has nominated Matt Dawson, the Northampton half-back, as this week's kicker in the absence of his injured clubmate Paul Grayson. Dawson is hardly enjoying a purple patch with his passing, let alone anything else, so it is not unreasonable to suggest that the national coach is taking one of the bigger gambles of his highrolling England tenure.

"No, it's not ideal that Matt doesn't kick regularly, even at club level, although I've seen him land six from six for Northampton in the past," admitted Woodward yesterday. But I'm not the Wizard of Oz ad I can't pluck a front-line kicker out of nowhere. We've asked Matt to do the job and I'm confident he can meet the demands of the situation. Besides, it's one thing less for Catt to think about."

Had Grayson recovered from the jarred knee that forced him to abandon the Wal-

#### RUGBY UNION

BY CHRIS HEWETT

ing to worry about this weekend apart from the danger of picking up splinters from the recement's bench. As it is, Bath's gifted but erratic standoff gets the chance to repeat the blinding 30-odd minutea of rugby he produced against the Springboks this time last year.

The changes come at full-back, where Nick Beal replaces the concussed Matt Perry, and wing, where Dan Luger reclaims the No 11 shirt from an out-of-sorts Austin Healey. Will Greenwood's continuing groin problems mean another chance for the former England captain, Phil de Glanville, in midfield, while the pack, which more than went the distance with the Australians, is retained en hloc.

If Beal's promotion was entirely predictable, Woodward's preference for Luger over David Rees was a real headscratcher. Rees remains the coach's favourite wing and while he has played only two full games for Sale since pulling out of the summer tour of the southern hemisphere with a chronic groin condition, he is considered fit enough to sit among Saturday's replacements. If he can play the last 20 minutes, why not the first 20?

"David hasn't trained that much with us lately and as things stand, I can't make out laby Test after half an hour, Catt a case for bringing him in above would probably have had noth- 'Tony Underwood.' explained



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Mike Catt, training at Twickenham yesterday, has one less thing to think about after being relieved of the kicking duties

that fatigue might figure in this

weekend's complex equation.

"We don't talk about the fatigue

factor," he insisted. "The more

Woodward. But the coach was day as Nick Mallett, their rather missing the point. Healey's rough spell of form gave the coach a heaven-sent opportunity to bring the best defensive wing in the country back into the fold and switch Underwood to the left flank, where he feels he is comfortable. Woodward is convinced that

Luger's raw pace will eventually make him an automatic choice but on Saturday of all days, experience will be a priceless commodity.

in the Springbok camp yester- today.

coach, named a side unchanged from the one that survived a fierce Irish challenge in Dublin last weekend.

The one serious doubt concerned the hooker, James Dalton, who alarmed his front-row brethren hy volunteering for extra training last week and paid by twanging his hamstring so badly that he was able to last only 10 minutes of the game. "As we speak, he's in the side," said Mallett, who will put Dalton There was no such agonising through a stern fitness test

you mention it, the more the players think it exists. We have no motivation problems whatsoever. These players are too proud for that to be an

issue. This tour cannot be called a success unless we beat England and that is incentive

Unlike Woodward, Mallett has been able to hold together the same narrow squad of play-

Mallett refused to concede ers through thick and thin - not that there has been much in the way of "thin" to concern him over the last year. "I believe absolutely in con-

sistency of selection," he said yesterday. "I thought long and hard about making two changes to the side on this tour and, having made them, I always intended to give the new players a run of games to show what they could do. I owed them that."

ENGLAND (v South Africa, Twicken-ham, Saturday): N Beal (Northampton), T Underwood (Newastie), P de Glandle (Bath), J Gescott (Bath), D Luger (Harlequins), M Catt (Bath), M

### Anderson wins his chance to impress

SCOTLAND'S FRINGE cast was last night handed the chance to take centre stage against Spain on Saturday as Willie Anderson and Cammy Mather were both awarded their first international starts for the World Cup qualifier at Murrayfield.

Anderson, the Glasgow Caledonians prop, is rewarded for a series of consistent displays in this season's European Cup campaign while the New Zealand-born flanker Mather makes the step up after coming close to Test selection on the summer tour of Australia.

Elsewhere, there are three positional changes from the side that crushed Portugal 85-11, with the wingers Cammy Murray and Kenny Logan swapping flanks. Martin Leslie who started on the blind side flank against Portugal, switches to open side with Budge Pountney demoted to the bench and Rob Wainwright dropping out of the 22 altogether. David Hilton will revert to his role as replacement prop with Paul Burnell also omitted from the squad for this match.

The Scotland coach, Jim Telfer, keen to give everyone in his core squad a run-out in these World Cup qualifying matches, insisted that the time was right to give Anderson and Mather their bead.

"Willie has been performing very well for Glasgow Caledonians this season and we want to give him a shot at this level to see how he does. Hopefully, this will be a stern test." he said. "Cammy was with us in Australia and played very well even though he didn't make the Test selection. He has been dogged with injuries since be came back but he has done well in his last two or three matches for the Edinburgh Reivers.

Telfer believes Spain will provide a much harder test than Portugal, "I think they will be stronger in the forwards and more adventurous in the

Scotland team,

### Wirengue set for tough battle

RICHARD VIRENQUE, the French cyclist, faces a fight against "overwhelming conclusions" to clear his name in the wake of this year's Tour de France drug scandal.

The Festina rider claimed that done tests had cleared him of all suspicion after he had heard the results of an initial renort from Patrick Keil, the seach magistrate investigating the scandal, on Tuesday.

Yet police and legal sources who had access to the report

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handed to judge Keil by two Parisian doping experts insisted its conclusions were "over-

"All of the nine Festina riders took doping substances ranging from steroids, corticoids, growth hormone, erythropoietin (EPO) and, for four of them, amphetamines," police

Virenque, once his country's most popular rider, who was

tested with his team-mates after Festina were kicked out of the Tour on drug charges, said exactly the opposite. "All the biological parameters and tests prove scientifically that I'm not doped," he insisted.

Only when judge Keil has completed his investigation will it be known exactly whether Virenque took illegal products. His inquiry will take months, and he is forbidden by law to divulge any element of it.

Virenque has been linked

with the Swiss team Tag-Heuer and Italy's Mapei, or he could remain with Festina, hut a deal will depend largely on whether he is innocent of the charges.

The French Cycling Feder-

THE DOUBLE Olympic champion, Hermann Maier, and his fellow Austrian Andreas Schifferer

ation said it was waiting for Keil's investigation to be completed. It may not punish Virengue - from what has been leaked of the drug test report, the rider's haematocrit level which is used to detect the taking of EPO, is below that authorised by cycling authorities. face fines for 8 "typical boys' prank" after last week's World

Cup Alpine ski races in Aspen, Colorado. The World Cup overall champion, Maier, and the World Cup downhill champion, Schifferer, were stopped by police after rowdily riding a bicycle in the early hours of the

morning at the weekend. "Although this was a typical Schifferer paid after missing boys' prank, it is serious," said

#### the draw for World Cup races in

Austrians face fines for 'prank'

SKIING the Austrian men's head coach, Werner Margreiter. "They are representatives of our team so we expect them to behave accordingly. They can afford such an action as long as they are both winning races, but they haven't been and therefore

should stick to the rules." Margreiter said the fine would be higher than the 10,000 schillings (£527) both Maier and Tignes, France, last year.

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SOUTH AFRICA: P Montgomery (Griqualand West): S Ferblanche (Bolond Cavalers). A Soyman (Blue Buils), C Stewart (Western Province). P Rossonw (Western Province). P Rossonw (Western Province). H Hordball (Matal Sharks), J wan der Westhutzen (Blue Buils); R Kempson (Matal Sharks), I Dathon (Golden Lons). A Garvey (Natal Sharks), K Otto (Blue Buils), M Andrews (Natal Sharks). J Erasonus (Free Solle). B Sikhastad (Westein Province). G Teichmann (Natal Sharks). C (Grqualand West), F Soutch (Blue Buils), W Swanepoel (Free State). C Krige (Western Province). A Menter (Free State Cheetabs). O Le Roux (Natal Sharks), N Drotske (Free State).

After attending a party in Aspen. Maier and Schifferer were in a hurry to collect their baggage at the hotel in order not to miss their flight to Vancouver en route to this weekend's World Cup races at Whistler Mountain.

But contrary to reports, they did not take a bicycle they found on the street but were given one by the party's host. "We were unable to get a taxi so we borrowed

the bicycle." Maier said. "Police officials stopped us and asked us for our documents which we did not have on us."

Maier and Schifferer were released by police after their

#### Moorcroft takes on the top job

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DAVID MOORCROFT was yes terday appointed the chief executive of UK Athletics, the new governing body for the sport.

Moorcroft held the same post for the British Athletics Federation for a week before it went into administration. The former 5,000 metres world record holder has been the acting chief executive for UK Athletics 98, the interim body set up following the BAF's demise. Moorcroft, who competed

for Britain at three Olympics,

expressed his delight at being given the job and pledged to guide the sport out of the mire. "The last 15 months have seen great turbulence within the sport," he said. "But, in the course of our year-long consultation process and an outstanding year of athletic performances, we have hopefully reached a point where we have solid foundations on which to build a fantastic future for the

"There are still many challenges ahead hut I think we have the will, the people and the vision to face them with confi-

#### TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL PONTRIS LEAGUE Premier Disiston: Not-tingham Forest v Leleaster (7.0).

ANYON INSURANCE COSSIBILATION First Division: Notwith v Oxford Use (7.30).

RYMAN LEAGUE Vandamel Tropiny Second round: Hornchurch v Barking (7.30).

RUGBY UNION TOUR MATCH: Lelcester v Fiji (7.45).

OTHER SPORTS

Rafael Palmeiro is returning to the homers and 121 RBI last sea playing in every game, recording 183 hits and 79 walks.

#### BASKETBALL

Fiba, the sport's world governing Fiba, the sport's world governing body, has upheld a two-year ban on the Puerto Rican centre and the former NBA player Jose Ortiz. Ortiz tested positive for the banned steroid stanozolol during the World Championship in Athens this summer. Stanozolol is the same steroid that Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson tested positive for at the 1988 Olympics. Fiba also announced that players will be free to joh any club team in the world without restriction. European clubs without restriction. European clubs had previously been able to field up to two non-Europeans.

#### BASEBALL

Texas Rangers after agreeing on a five-year contract worth \$45m (£28m), Palmeiro, who played for the Rangers from 1989 to 1993, spent the past five seasons with the spent the past the seasons with the Baltimore Orloles, who have decided to spend their money on Albert Belle. On Monday Belle left the Chicago White Sox for a five-year, \$65 million deal with the Orloles. Palmetro batted .296 with 43 houses and 121 JBl (set open).

BOWLS GLASGOW CLASSICS (Kelvin Hall) First round: P Foster (Sco) bt M King (Eng) 7-2 7-0; S Rees (Wal) bt D Burnett (Sco) 4-7 7-5 7-6; W Richards (Eng) bt L Gillett (Eng) 7-5 7-4; G Hat-CRICKET

Bob Cottam. England's assistant coach in Australia, will continue as Warwickshire's bowling coach for a third season. The former England bowler turned down the county's first offer but he has accepted an improved deal which was faxed to him in Perth last weekend. A new trophy, to be awarded to the winners of the Ashes series, has been commissioned by the Mary-lebone Cricket Club. It is a replica of the original urn, which remains

at Lord's. Defeat by an Eastern Province XI yesterday left West Indies without a win after five matches of their South African tour. The Eastern Province XI won on a faster run-rate after rain had restricted the West Indies innings to 46 overs and then forced a premature finish after the home side had batted for 38.1 overs. A third-wicket partnership of 11a between Graham Grace and

#### SPORTING DIGEST

Eastern Province XI's way. Grace's 70 was struck off 109 balls with five fours and a six while Kemp hamred his 64 off 63 balls with two fours and five sixes. The West In-dies relied on Philo Wallace (56 off 64 balls) and Floyd Reifer (93 off 100 deliveries) to post a reasonable

ONE-DAY MATCH (Port Effasbeth): West Indes 239-8 (F L Reifer 93, P A Walace 56: 46 overs): Eastern Province X1 209-6 (G V Grace 70, J Kemp 64: 38.1).

Darlington's self-out FA Cup second-round match with Manchester City on Friday has been given the go ahead after the Football Association Bristol City have agreed a fee of £225,000 with Moldovan club Zimbru Chisinau for the defender ion Tistemitanu – captain of the Moldova national team.

FOOTBALL

were satisfied with the results of a pitch inspection. There had been doubts that the Feethams surface would not be fit to stage the tie.

Warford, third in Division One, have signed the Nigerian defender Ben Iroha. The 29-year-old represented his country in the 1994 and 1998

Celtic completed the signing of the

Australian International Marko Viduka for £3rn yesterday. NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Rearranged fluctures: The 12 Jan: Ful-hamy Reading (from 24 Nov). Pri 15 Jan: Chester & Righton (from 16 Jan). SCOTTEM PREMIER LEAGUE: Re-

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RUGBY UNION Jackle Sheldon, the coach of the Great Britain Women's team, has been named as Sports Administrator/Coach of the Year in the Sunday

Times Sportswoman of the Year The Rugby Football League is concerned about the future of Doncaster and may set them a one

week ultimatum to show that they will be capable of fulfilling their fix-tures next season. RUGBY UNION

TUESDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Tour reactions: Ireland A 19 South Africa 50 lat Revenhalf); Leeds 27 Fiji 10. Representative Maeth: England Under-21 A 19 South Africa Under-21 33 (at Banbury). Weesh Nactional League Premier Dispose by Valley 24 Lianelli 20; Pontypndd 55 Caerphilly 15.

#### SKIING

The schedule for the women's Apine World Cup races at Mammoth Mpountain. California was altered yesterday as officials faced the prospect of trying to beat a storm forecast for Friday. The super-giant slaiom, which had been scheduled for today, was pushed back to Fri-day, with the slatom being moved up a day to today. The race jury de-

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weather would jeopardize the second run of the slalom. The onerun super-G would stand a better chance of completion before snow and wind strike. Bad weather is nothing new for ther venue. In the spring of 1997, slalom and super-G races were held on the same day due to weather delays and later that year. the super-G was set back two days

cided on the change because it was

#### SQUASH

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FA CUP First-round replays: Norts County 3 (Owers 60, Jones 75, 82) Hen-don D; Kidderminster O Plymouth Argyle O (act; Plymouth win 5-4 on penalties). MORTHINGTON CUP Quarcer-finals: Sunderland 3 Uninson og 40. Bridges 89. Quinn 90) Luton 0: Wembledon 2 (Earle 20, Viaili 85) Chelsea 1 (Hughes pen 75). NATIONINDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE Second Division: Wigan 2 (McGroon S1, Lowe 62) Fulham 0. Tainti Division: Cariste Ocardiff 1 (Nugent pen 49) Mans-field 1 (Peacock 76) Peterborough 0. ENDSLEIGH CHALLENGE TROPHY Sec EMDS EIGH CHULLERGE TROPHY Sec-ond rounds Dorcaste 2 Southport 0; Hayes 3 Welling 2; Morecambe 2 Barrow 0; Scee-nage 0 Chettenham 1; Woking 3 Yeonil 0. RYMAN LERGUE Premier Divisions Boreham Wood 1 Harrow Borough 0; Du-with Hamlet 0 Carshalton 0, First Divi-

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ITALIAN CUP Questor-final first legs Wil-NORTHERN COUNTRES EAST LEAGUE Cap Second round: Eccleshill 1 Ossett Town Z. GERMAN CUP Quarter-Resel: Bayern Mu-nich 3 (Jander 25, Basier 71, Zickler 79) ViB Stuttgart 0.

#### TODAY'S NUMBER

The number of Pakistanis arrested as terrorists in Bangkok in the run-up to the Asian Games after being found with "bomb-making equipment" that turned

out to be what police

called "old junk".

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## Lens fracas leads to ban for Dixon

LEE DIXON has been given a one-match suspension and will miss Arsenal's Champions' League match with Panathinaikos in Athens next Wednesday, after an investigation by Uefa, European football's ruling body, into the full-back's red card during the bad-tempered game against Lens at Wembley last

The former England fullback was left in apparent agony on the Wembley turf after an angry exchange in stoppage time with Lens' Tony Vairelles, which resulted in Vairelles being sent off. Although Dixon was not booked by the referee. Anders Frisk, Uefa's Control and Disciplinary committee yesterday ruled that he started the trouble by elbowing his opponent in the back.

Vairelles and the Lens coach, Daniel Leclercq, accused Dixon of feigning injury to get the French international striker sent off-just seconds after the Arsenal midfielder Ray Parlour was given a red card for kicking out at the Lens midfielder, Cyril Rool.

It is the second time Arsenal have suffered retrospective punishment in their ill-fated Champions' League campaign. The French midfielder. Emmanuel Petit, was suspended from the Lens game after Uefa decided that the Italian referee, Piero Cecca-Winterburn had mistakenly heen shown a yellow card for a foul which Petit had committed.

Dixon could be suspended for even longer when Uefa's disciplinary committee meets again in January to also ratify the complete list of players to be suspended for knock-out stage of the European Cup, which begins in March.

A Uefa spokesman said:

BY BILL PIERCE

"After studying the referee's detailed report and also that of the Uefa delegate, we have decided that disciplinary action must be taken even if the referee was not able to see gross unsporting conduct and was therefore unable to take any factual decision.

Arsenal declined to comment on the decision last night. Lens, who launched an appeal against Vairelles' red card, have also lost out. Uefa confirmed that he will be suspended "for unsporting behaviour" and will miss their vital meeting with Dynamo Kiev in France next Wednesday, when the two teams contest top place in Group E, which earns automatic qualification for the

The Uefa spokesman confirmed; "It will be a one-match only suspension for Vairelles." Dixon and Parlour could still receive longer bans, though. Uefa suspended "for at least one match" for his red card but they have also deemed his offence as "an act of violence" and look certain to extend the ban to at least three games when they meet again in January.

Defeat by Lens at Wembley ensured Arsenal's exit from the Champions' League, no rini, should have booked him matter what the result of their Kiev three weeks earlier Nigel next week. Any further suspension for Parlour and Dixon would be carried over to the next time they qualify for European competition.

Lens and Dynamo Kiev are set to appeal to Uefa to ensure that Arsenal's manager, Arsène Wenger, fields his atrongest available teata against Fermitinaikos. The game is virtually meaningless to Arsenal, but if Panathinaikos beat them heavily the Greek side can still fin-

ish top of Group E if Dynamo and Lens draw in France.

Dion Dublin has won his fight with Coventry City to have a £30,000 fine paid back to him for going on strike during his transfer dispute with the club.

The Aston Villa and England striker appealed to the Premier League to get his maximum penalty of a fine of two weeks' wages overturned. Dublin was furious that Coventry had punished him when he refused to play at Luton in a Worthington Cup tie at the height of his trouhles with the club.

He claimed that he was told by the chairman, Bryan Richardson, that he had been given permission to talk to Blackburn the day before. Dublin was considering the contract offer from Rovers and did not want to risk an injury at Luton.

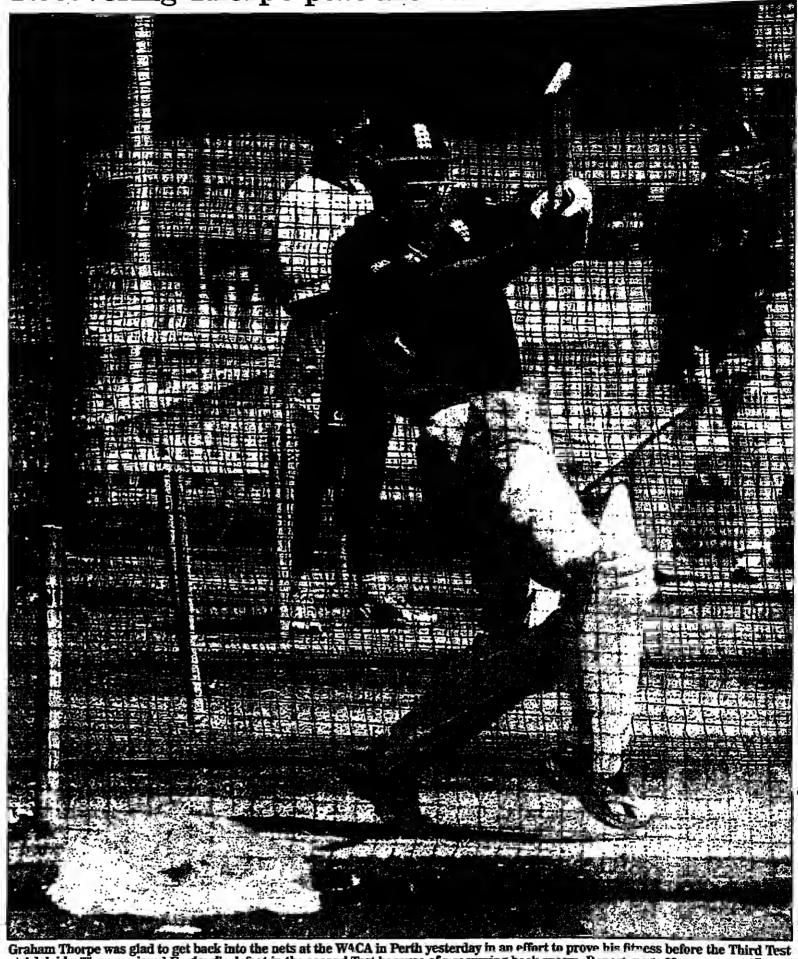
However, the Coventry man ager, Gordon Strachan, was keen for Dublin to play, and has stated that the striker pulled out of the fixture against his wishes. Dublin was fined for being confirmed that Parlour will be in hreach of contract before eventually leaving for Villa and securing a deal worth around £30,000 a week in the £4.5m

> Despite his new salary, Dublin wanted his fine back on a point of principle. There was so much bad blood between him and the club that it became a question of honour, he said.

Dublin's case was heard by in the match against Dynamo encounter with Panathinaikos a Premier League enquiry in London, with Strachan and Richardson also giving their version of events. A Premier League spokesman said last night: "Dion Duhlin has been found not guilty of the offence. Coventry have the right to appeal if they wish."

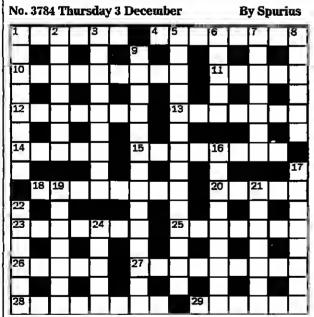
The result is a vindication of Dublit's actions and a further blow to Richardson, who lost the player and threatened that he had "not heard the last" of

### Recovering Thorpe puts his back into net practice



at Adelaide. Thorpe missed England's defeat in the second Test because of a recurring back spasm. Report, page 29

#### THE THURSDAY CROSSWORD



 Husband's exploit, after operation's over (6) Fruit grower finally man-aged to put through re-

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17 Middle-of-the-road types, of a reflective disposition

19 The knocks you get in life? (7)

21 Garment with border is accepted in church (7)
22 Cake, with zero calorie content, maybe? (6)
24 Richard of York, as leader, primarily? (5)

## Formula One circus invades Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS, THE symbol of American motor racing, was confirmed yesterday as the venue for Formula One's return to the United States in 2000.

The sport's impresario Bernie Ecclestone, amious to bolster the credibility of the world championship, has agreed a long-term deal with the circuit that stages the Indianapolis 500, part of the IndyCar series.

America's first Formula One race for nine years will not, however, be run on the famous two and a half mile (four-kilometre) oval, but on a new track to be constructed especially for grand prix cars. No date has been fixed but it is understood that officials in Indianapolis prefer an autumn race to distance it from their traditional main MOTOR RACING

BY DERICK ALLSOP attraction, late in May. Eccle-

stone, who also considered proposals from San Francisco and Las Vegas, said: "I know they [Indianapolis] will do what we want and we're honoured to be invited to race at the Speedway. It was the No 1 target."

Drivers will have to negotiate a 13-turn course, partly using the oval, but running clockwise on it, the reverse of the direction used for the Indianapolis 500. It will be the first Formula One race in the United States since Ayrton Senna won at Phoenix in 1991.

Indianapolis was traditionally used for only one event a organiser after 1991.

year, the Indianapolis 500 at the end of May. But in 1994, the speedway added the Brickyard 400, which has become one of the five big events in American stock-car racing. The addition of a road course to the oval will be the first major reconfiguration since it was built in 1909.

The Indianapolis 500 was considered an official Formula One event from 1950 to 1960 despite the fact that very few of the Formula One regulars competed in the event. Notwithstanding the Indianapolis 500, a US Grand Prix race was a regular fixture on the Formula One circuit from 1959 to 1991, with some years including two events and in 1982 three. But declining attendances and interest failed to attract an

### Germans sign up Cuba team

MANCHESTER UNITED have followed the recent trend of forging links with a foreign team to provide their players with experience and, perhaps, bring some new blood into Old

Never mind Antwerp, now a German Fourth Division club has gone one better by joining forces with an entire country,

Bonner SC, based in Bonn, intend to give a completely new meaning to open-door poli-cies in international football by algaling the article Cuban an tional team. The idea being that their inclusion will help them gain promotion.

A club delegation will travel to Cuba on Sunday for talks with Cuban football federation officials, according to German newspaper reports yesterday. They hope to sign a deal by next

In return for allowing the entire team to practice and play in Germany, the Cubans would receive balls, boots, kit and other equipment.

The Bonn club could release any players on loan, but the transfer rights would remain with the Cuban federation. The Cubans would come with their coach, William Ben-

nett, and would also play exhibition games against smaller European nations. The Cubans would still be available for all World Cup qualifying games under the extravagant pro-

"The Cubans want to develop their team and let it learn factics in Europe," Hans Viol. the Bonner SC chairman told a Bonn newspaper.

Rainer Thomas, the Bonner SC coach, said that he would retain the core of his current team and that the Cubans would practice separately. "Maybe three, maybe eight" could make the starting line-up, Thomas said.

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